

Workshop: “The mind and science in the early modern world” – Seminar room, Byrne House –
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The early modern period (1500-1800) saw remarkable and widespread changes in our conception of the mind and its role in scientific inquiry. Natural philosophers negotiated new concepts and new methods of proof, which transformed our understanding of the place of human beings in the natural world and their capacity to penetrate its secrets. This workshop will bring together scholars specialising in philosophy and history of science to explore some of these changes and their significance. Speakers include Tamás Demeter (Corvinus University of Budapest), Oana Matei (Vasile Goldis Western University of Arad), Tzu Chien Tho (University of Bristol), Adam Toon (University of Exeter) and Kirsten Walsh (University of Exeter). The workshop will be held in the Seminar Room at Byrne House. Attendance is free, but please register here.

Session 1: 1pm-2.30pm

Oana Matei – ‘Experiments with plants and the aggregation of a conceptual vocabulary in the early modern natural philosophy’

Tzu Chien Tho – ‘Spinoza and Leibniz on the Geometrical Style’

Coffee break: 2.30-2.45pm

Session 2: 2.45-4.15pm

Kirsten Walsh – ‘Fertile Concepts and Newton’s Experiments’

Adam Toon – ‘We have never been Cartesian’

Coffee break: 4.15-5pm

Session 3: 5 – 6.00pm

Tamás Demeter – ‘Hume’s Anatomy’