



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Medicine and Philosophy 4: Maladies of the Soul

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How body and soul influence each other? How external circumstances influence and change the way we think? Which factors determine our moral, our cognitive, and physiological features?

The workshop “Medicine and Philosophy” takes at its core the dynamic relation between the two disciplines in the period of the “long Middle Ages”, from Antiquity to Early Modern times. The previous three editions of the workshop focused on topics laying in the middle ground between the philosophical and the medical knowledge: humoral theory (MedPhil 1), climate (MedPhil 2), contagion and fascination (MedPhil 3).

The latest, fourth edition of the workshop, looks at the soul as a changeable subject. How is it that the soul could fall ill? What are those conditions of the soul or the body that bring the soul out of its balance? What part of the soul is being affected when it is no more “sane”, “normal” or “balanced”? What external or internal factors can contribute to shake the human soul, with its immortal reason and will, and bring it out of its ideal condition, as “intended by nature”. Looking into the terminology of various pathologies of the soul, like melancholy, madness, lovesickness, depression, mania, and so forth, to name just some among the many. The workshop will aim at showing once again the dynamic relation between physiological and psychological processes, as well as to discuss how medical terminology might have influenced philosophical or theological debates.

Focusing on the maladies of the soul, this workshop aims at stimulating exchange between historians of philosophy and experts in natural philosophy whose work often speaks more to one another than meets the eye.

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