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The fourth edition of the “Medicine and Philosophy” 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.

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Medicine and Philosophy 4

Maladies of the Soul

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Programme

15 NOVEMBER

09:30 **Welcome**

Alexander **Baumgarten**
Evelina **Miteva**

09:45 – 10:15 (online) Tommaso **Alpina** (Munich), Healing the Soul by Transforming the Body: Melancholy in Avicenna's *Adwiyā qalbiyya (De viribus cordis)*

10:15 – 10:45 (online) Claudio **Azzaritto** (Milan), *Maladies of the Soul in Moses Maimonides: Between Ethics and Medicine*

10:45 – 11:15 (online) Giulio **Navarra** (Foggia/Cologne), Influences of the Stars on the Soul: the Arabic-Latin Picatrix as Source of Michael Scot's *Liber Introductorius*

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:00 (presence) Luigi **Valetta** (Milan), Reshaping Aristotle's *De insomniis*. Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas on the Psychophysiology of Altered States of Consciousness

12:00 – 12:30 (presence) Mario **Loconsole** (Cologne/Udine), *Acedia addit super tristitiam*. The Utmost Sadness of the Slothful Sinners in Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas

12:30 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30 – 15:00 (presence) Vlad **Ile** (Cluj-Napoca), *Nolite inebriari vino, in quo est luxuria*. On Wine, Melancholy and Corrupted Desires

15:00 – 15:30 (presence) Marilena **Panarelli** (Lecce), Lovesickness, Melancholy, and Their Remedies in Boccaccio's *Decameron* and His Medical Sources

15:30 – 15:45 **Coffee Break**

15:45 – 16:15 (presence) Stefano **Daniele** (Bari), *Skulls, Nails, Blood. Are They Effective Remedies for Treating Epilepsy? The Medical Opinion of Tommaso Zefiriele Bovio (1521-1609)*

16:15 – 16:45 (presence) Laura **Georgescu** (Groningen), *Melancholy is born of an ill spleen: Cavendish on Embodied Mental Disorders*

16:45 – 17:15 (presence) Vesa **Hirvonen** (Helsinki), Some Aspects of Medieval Theories of Madness

19:00 **Dinner**

16 NOVEMBER

09:00 – 09:30 (online) Nadya **Bray** (Lecce), *Mulier enim cum parit, tristitiam habet* (Ioh. 16). *Tristitia* and *alteratio* According to Meister Eckhart

09:30 – 10:00 (online) Luana **Rizzo** (Salento), *Atra bilis obfuscat spiritus, terret animum, obtundit ingenium*. A Disease of the Soul, Melancholia, in Marsilio Ficino's *De vita libri tres*

10:00 – 10:15 **Coffee Break**

10:15 – 10:45 (presence) Evelina **Miteva** (Bonn/Cluj-Napoca), *Multa genera amentiarum: The Vocabulary of Mental Disorders in Albert the Great*

10:45 – 11:15 (presence) Alessandro **Palazzo** (Trento), *The Therapeutic Power of Imagination in Epidemic Diseases. Some Remarks on the 14th-century Literature on Plague*

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:00 (presence) Lavinia **Grijac** (Cluj-Napoca), *Ex melancolia*. Hildegard of Bingen on Sadness and Hopelessness

12:00 – 12:30 (presence) Andrei **Bereschi** (Cluj-Napoca), Giordano Bruno on Melancholy

12:30 **Closing Remarks**