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Illustration: The four seasons, element. In: Thübingen
Hausbuch (Md2), 23r, Württemberg, 15th c.

What makes us appear the way we are?
Which factors determine our moral, our
cognitive, and physiological features?
Lurking in the background of philoso-
phical models are medical or physio-
logical assumptions whose exposition
often sheds new light on ancient, me-
dieval and modern debates.

“Climate” is a central term that figures
at the intersection of many philosphi-
cal and medical discussions. This notion
impacted not only doctrines about the
earth, but also about its inhabitants.
This way, long-lasting ideas about hu-
man and non-human life were often
connected with racist and sexist impli-
cations. Focusing on the historical no-
tion of climate, this workshop aims at
approaching these debates.

The workshop is part of the project “Human Being
as a Cross-Point: the Beginnings of the Modern
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Medicine and Philosophy II

CLIMATE



October 29th

November 5th 2020

online event



Thursday, 29.10.2020

Zoom

9:00-13:00
with a coffee break

Greeting by the Dean and Opening
Lodi Nauta, Martin Lenz, Evelina Miteva

Theology and Philosophy

Susi Ferrarello (California)
Solastalgia: Climatic Anxiety
An Emotional Geography to Find Our Way Out

Oded Horezky (Cologne)
Climate Theory and Medieval Jewish Philosophy: Judah Halevi, Maimonides, and Gersonides on Astrology, Human Perfection, and the Holy Land

Corrado la Martire (Cologne)
"Drinking iced water at the 66th parallel north".
Avenpace on the Inhabitable Regions of the Earth

Gabriella Zuccolin (Pavia)
A Heavenly Climate? Theological Discussions on the Place of the Terrestrial Paradise in Relation to Human Complexion

Thursday, 05.11.2020

Zoom

9:00-13:00
with a coffee break

Natural Philosophy

Claire Crignon (Paris)
Do We Need a Natural History of Air? Bacon and Boyle on Air and Weather Changes

Lisa Devriese (Leuven)
'Northerners are strong, southerners are timid': the Notion of Climate in Medieval Physiology

Vlad Ile (Cluj)
Albert the Great and Climate Determinism

Marialucrezia Leone (Cologne)
The Influence of the Stars on Women – Is Thomas Aquinas a Determinist?

Sara Miglietti (The Warburg Institute)
Climate, Temperament, and Education: Revisiting the Huarte Controversy (16C-17C)

Our Concept:

In this ZOOM workshop the speakers are not going to read their papers "ex cathedra". Instead, we will distribute the papers in advance, and the workshop will be the place and time to ask, discuss, give feedback and exchange ideas.

That is why the speakers are ordered in alphabetical order in the program rather than in order of presentation.

The workshop is open to everyone interested in the topic. Please contact the organizers to get the ZOOM link and the texts to be read in advance.

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