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Illustration: The four seasons, element. In: Thübinger 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 philosophical models are medical or physiological assumptions whose exposition often sheds new light on ancient, medieval and modern debates.

"Climate" is a central term that figures at the intersection of many philosophical and medical discussions. This notion impacted not only doctrines about the earth, but also about its inhabitants.

This way, long-lasting ideas about human and non-human life were often connected with racist and sexist implications. Focusing on the historical notion of climate, this workshop aims at apporaching these debates.

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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". Avempace 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 Physiognomy

## 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 programm rather than in order of presentation.

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

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