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The Debate

on the Soul of Animals in Renaissance Philosophy

This is the second meeting of a working group on the topic of the distinction between man and animal in Renaissance philosophy. Building on the reading seminar which took place in 2010, this conference presents the results of this work-in-progress, aiming at a reconstruction of a relevant yet often neglected topic in the history of philosophy. Thorough discussion of the papers will allow the tracing of recurrent topics – can the soul of animals partake at all in immortality? In what ways can it be considered rational? Is the distance between humans, animals and plants a continuous one or not? – while appreciating the originality of the perspectives and the authors selected.

International Conference

The Debate on the Soul of Animals in Renaissance Philosophy (II)

(LMU München 8.-9. March 2012)



Dosso Dossi: Circe e i suoi amanti (1525)

Thursday, 8.3.12

09:30 Address of Welcome

10:00-11:00

Burkhard Dohm (Marburg):
Die Unsterblichkeit der Tierseele im Denken des Nicolaus Cusanus

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30

Maria-Christine Leitgeb (Wien):
Marsilio Ficino – der Philosoph der Tierseelen

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00

Thomas Ricklin (München):
Epicuro nel Rinascimento, ovvero: Epicurus' Animal Farm

15:00-16:00

Anna Laura Puliafito (Basel):
La parola agli animali. Ragione e linguaggio in Francesco Patrizi

16:00-17:00

Sabrina Ebbersmeyer (München):
Telesio on the Affective Nature of Men and Animals

17:00-17:30 Coffee break

17:30- 19:00

Evening Lecture

Gianni Paganini (Vercelli)
Theism and Atheism in Hume's Dialogues: A Question of Words?

19:00-c. 20:00 Reception at CAS

Friday, 9.3.12

09:30-10:30

Guido Giglioni (London):
Francis Bacon's Notion of the Animal Soul between the Spiraculum Dei and the Matrices Elementorum

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:00

Cecilia Muratori (München):
"E semine" or "a Deo": Spontaneous Generation and the Continuity Between Living Beings

12:00-13:00

Sandra Plastina (Cosenza):
Il lupo, il leone e il cane: animali e tempo negli Eroici Furori di Giordano Bruno

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30

Fabio Frosini (Urbino):
"Se dunque non m'ascolti sotto specie di dottrina e disciplina, ascoltami per spasso". Favola, politica, ontologia in Bruno

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-c. 17:00 Final Discussion