

**Astrology and the Body 1100–1800**  
**Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge**  
**8–9 September 2006**  
**Conference Programme**

Registration, coffee and lunch will take place in Seminar Room 1; all sessions will be held in Seminar Room 2.

**Friday 8 September**

10.00–10.30 Coffee and registration

10.30–12.30 Session 1

Simon Schaffer, 'The astrological roots of Mesmerism'

Patrick Curry, 'The body, truth and astrology'

Commentator: Lauren Kassell

12.30–1.30 Lunch

1.30–3.30 Session 2

Claudia Brosseder, 'New Worlds, a new astrology? The bodies of Saints, Creoles and Indians under the southern skies of seventeenth-century Peru'

Steven Vanden Broecke, 'Transformations of astrology in the scientific revolution: the case of Pierre Gassendi (1592–1655)'

Commentator: Alisha Rankin

3.30–4.00 Coffee

4.00–6.00 Session 3

Brian Copenhaver, 'How Ficino embodied the stars'

Monica Azzolini, 'Plotting the skies: celestial figures, courtly bodies, and the body politic'

Commentator: David Juste

7.30 Conference dinner

## Saturday 9 September

10.30–12.30 Session 4

Darin Hayton, 'Teaching astrology between the arts and medical faculties at the University of Vienna'

Rob Ralley, 'Stars, demons and the body in fifteenth-century England'

Commentator: Martin Kjellgren

12.30–1.30 Lunch

1.30–3.30 Session 5

Darrel Rutkin, 'The mysteries of attraction: Pico, astrology and desire'

Hilary Carey, 'Interrogations and elections and the world of the late medieval astrologer'

Commentator: Patrick Boner

3.30–4.00 Coffee

4.00–6.00 Session 6

Laura Ackerman Smoller, 'Astrology and the Sibyls in medieval Europe'

Charles Burnett, 'Hebrew and Latin in twelfth-century Spain: the example of the location of pain'

Commentator: Jean-Patrice Boudet