Theorizing Early Modern Studies

The Theorizing Early Modern Studies (TEMS) Research Collaborative organizes conversations around research in progress by scholars of the early modern period. We welcome everyone, especially faculty and graduate students in the Humanities. The group offers an opportunity for interdisciplinary, collaborative reflection on the relationship between history, literature, the fine arts, philosophy and the sciences, and our discussions are always seasoned with wine and refreshments. TEMS is currently supported by the Institute for Advanced Study at the University of Minnesota. For more information, visit http://www.tems.umn.edu

2008-9 Calendar

Disenchantment

Thursday, September 11 – Opening Reception. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

Friday, September 12 – Reading Group: Lorraine Daston and Peter Galison, Objectivity (Zone Books, 2007), Preface, Prologue, Chapter 1: “Epistemologies of the Eye” (pp. 9–54). 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Heller 737. In conjunction with the Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science.

Friday, September 19 – Lecture: “Bólátu’s Theriac in Early Modern China,” Carla Nappi, History and Philosophy, Montana State University. 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., Willey Hall 70. Sponsored by the University of Minnesota Program in the History of Science and Technology, the University of Minnesota Center for Early Modern History and the Consortium for the Study of the Asias.


Friday, September 26 – Reading Group: Lorraine Daston and Peter Galison, Objectivity (Zone Books, 2007), Chapter 3: “Mechanical Objectivity” (pp. 115–190). 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Heller 737. In conjunction with the Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science.

Thursday, October 9 – Work in Progress Session: "Icon Transit," Christopher Heuer, Art History, Princeton University. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 233.

Friday, October 10 – Lecture: “Raumbild as Aporia: The Figure of Netherlandish Pilgrimage Portraits,” Christopher Heuer, Art History, Princeton University. 2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Blegen 260.

Reading Group: Lorraine Daston and Peter Galison, Objectivity (Zone Books, 2007), Chapter 4: “The Scientific Self” (pp. 191–252). 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Heller 737. In conjunction with the Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science.


Friday, October 17 – Lecture: “Kunst and Cabala: Anna Zieglerin's Alchemical Secrets,” Tara Nummedal, History, Brown University. 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Tate Lab of Physics 131. In conjunction with the University of Minnesota Program in the History of Science, Technology and Medicine.

Friday, October 24 – Reading Group: Lorraine Daston and Peter Galison, Objectivity (Zone Books, 2007), Chapter 5: “Structural Objectivity” (pp. 251–308). 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Heller 737. In conjunction with the Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science.


Thursday, October 30 – Work in Progress Session: “Sex in the Text,” Selim Kuru, Near Eastern Languages and Literatures, University of Washington. 5:00 – 6:30 PM, Nolte 235. Co-Sponsored with the Workshop in Islamic Societies and Cultures.

Thursday, November 13 – Lab Session: Juliette Cherbuliez and Michael Gaudio, “Ekphrasis.” 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

Friday, November 14 – Reading Group: Lorraine Daston and Peter Galison, Objectivity (Zone Books, 2007), Chapter 6: “Trained Judgment” (pp. 309–362). 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Heller 737. In conjunction with the Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science.

THANKSGIVING – November 27

Thursday, December 4 – Work in Progress Session: “Disenchantment and Authorship in 17th-Century France,” Ellen McClure, French, University of Illinois at Chicago. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

Friday, December 5 – Reading Group: Lorraine Daston and Peter Galison, Objectivity (Zone Books, 2007), Chapter 7: “Representation To Presentation” (pp. 363–416). 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Heller 737. In conjunction with the Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science.

Thursday, January 22 – Lecture: “Topic TBA,” Peter Galison, History of Science, Harvard University. 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Nolte 125. In conjunction with the Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science.

Friday, January 23 – Book Discussion with Author: Lorraine Daston and Peter Galison, Objectivity (Zone Books, 2007), with Peter Galison, History of Science, Harvard University. 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Heller 737. In conjunction with the Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science.

Thursday, February 5 – Work in Progress Seminar: “Unfaithful Lovers and Malicious Sorcerers: Justice, Punishment and the Body in Sixteenth-Century Michoacán, Mexico,” Angélica Afanador Pujol, Art History, University of Minnesota. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

Thursday, February 12 – Work in Progress Seminar: “The Super-Enlightenment: Daring to Know Too Much,” Dan Edelstein, French and Italian, Stanford University. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235. In conjunction with the Department of French and Italian.

Friday, February 13 – Lecture: “Was the Enlightenment French?” Dan Edelstein, French and Italian, Stanford University. 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Folwell 340. In conjunction with the Department of French and Italian.

Thursday, March 5 – Work in Progress Seminar: “Metamorphosis and Non-Identity: Shape-Shifting and Magical Transformation Reconsidered,” Anthropology, University of Minnesota. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

SPRING BREAK – March 16-20

Thursday, March 26 – Work in Progress Session: Bali Sahota “Selections from The Late Colonial Sublime: Modern Epies in Indian Romanticism,” Asian Languages and Literatures, University of Minnesota. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

Thursday, April 2 – Work in Progress Seminar: “Topic TBA,” Chandra Mukerji, Communication Studies, University of California, San Diego. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

Friday, April 3 – Lecture: “Topic TBA,” Chandra Mukerji, Communication Studies, University of California, San Diego. 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Tate Lab of Physics 131. In conjunction with the University of Minnesota Program in the History of Science, Technology and Medicine.

Thursday, April 16 – Lab Session, “Disenchantment in Nicolas Poussin’s Four Seasons series (c. 1640).” 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

Thursday-Friday, April 23-24 – Symposium: “The Encyclopedia of Diderot and d’Alembert.” Faculty-Graduate student workshop in conjunction with the ARTFL Encyclopedia Consortium. (University of Chicago, Stanford University, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Michigan, and the University of Minnesota).

Thursday, April 30 – 6th Annual Graduate Student Roundtable. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Nolte 235.

TEMS will also sponsor three additional reading groups in conjunction with our theme during the 2008-2009 academic year. Once dates, times, locations, and assignments for additional reading groups are determined, information will be available on the TEMS website http://tems.umn.edu/.


PAPERS WILL CIRCULATE IN ADVANCE. Readings for each session will be available as .pdf files on the home page of the TEMS website http://tems.umn.edu/. Link to the .pdf files/paper abstracts by clicking on the paper titles on the “Current Schedule.” Please e-mail Michael Gaudio <gaudio@umn.edu> for more information.

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