

IV. Transmitting and Codifying Knowledge: The Textbook

Chair: **Carlo Ginzburg (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)**

Commentator: **John Carson (University of Michigan)**

2:00-2:45

Rafael Mandressi (Centre Koyré, CNRS-EHESS, Paris): From commentary to textbook: textual practices and epistemic projects in early 16th-century anatomy

2:45-3:30

Lorraine Daston (MPIWG, Berlin): Cloud atlases and the physiognomy of the sky

3:30-3:45 COFFEE

3:45-4:30

Yvonne Wübben (Freie Universität, Berlin, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum): Textbook, treatise, manual: a history of psychiatric genres

4:30-5:15

Andreas Mayer (Centre Koyré, CNRS-EHESS, Paris): Textbook psychoanalysis—an impossible genre?

5:15-5:45

General discussion on the morning and afternoon sessions

5:45-6:15

Liba Taub (Cambridge University): Concluding remarks

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**TOWARDS A
HISTORY OF
EPISTEMIC
GENRES:**

**Textbook and
Commentary, Case and
Recipe in the Making
of Medical Knowledge**

MPIWG

Boltzmannstraße 22

14195 Berlin

conference room

June 26, 2015

8:45-9:00

Gianna Pomata and **Yvonne Wübben**: Welcome and introductory remarks

I. Transmitting, Adapting, and Recording Practice: The Recipe

Chair: **Gianna Pomata (Johns Hopkins University)**

Commentator: **Elaine Leong (MPIWG, Berlin)**

9:00-9:45

Laurence Totelin (Cardiff University):

Castoreum or the testicle of the Istrian beaver: ingredient presentation strategies in ancient recipes

9:45-10:30

Efraim Lev (University of Haifa): Recipes between prescriptions and formulas—theory vs. practice in medieval Arabic medicine according to the Cairo Genizah

10:30-11:15

Stefan Reichmuth (Ruhr-Universität, Bochum):

Probata, tables and diagrams: standardised recipes in Arabo-Islamic medicine and magic

11:15-11:30 COFFEE

11:30-12:15

Ahmed Ragab (Harvard University): Tajarib, formularies and the making of medical thinking in Medieval Islam

12:15-1:00

Marta Hanson (Johns Hopkins University):

Genre-blending in Chinese medicine: when formulas (fang 方) and Secrets of the Pulses (Maijue 脈訣) came together (14th to 16th centuries)

1:00-2:30 LUNCH

June 27, 2015

II. Between Practice and Theory: The Case

Chair: **Andreas Mayer (Centre Koyré, CNRS-EHESS, Paris)**

Commentator: **Carlo Ginzburg (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)**

2:30-3:15

John Forrester (Cambridge University):

Revisiting “Thinking in cases”: the case of ‘Agnes’

3:15-4:00

Asaf Goldschmidt (University of Tel Aviv):

Reasoning with cases: the transmission of clinical medical knowledge in twelfth-century Song China

4:00-4:15 COFFEE

4:15-5:00

Gianna Pomata (Johns Hopkins University): A science of individuals: focusing on the patient’s “particular nature” in pre-modern European medical case collections

5:00-5:45

Maria Böhmer (University of Zurich):

Transgressing disciplines and genres: a medical case on the move in 19th-century Europe

5:45-6:15

General discussion on the morning and afternoon sessions

7:30 DINNER

III. Transmitting and Transforming Theory: The Commentary

Chair: **Yvonne Wübben (Freie Universität, Berlin, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum)**

Commentator: **Glenn Most (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, University of Chicago)**

9:00-9:40

Rebecca Flemming (Cambridge University):

Ancient medical commentaries: identity, pedagogy, and knowledge

9:45-10:30

Thomas Rütten (Newcastle University):

Hippocrates commentaries: a neglected epistemic genre of the late Renaissance

10:30-10:45 COFFEE

10:45-11:30

John B. Henderson (Louisiana State University): Chinese medical commentaries

11:30-12:15

Angela Ki Che Leung (University of Hong Kong): Unraveling a modern disease framed in the classics: the strategy of Zeng Chaoran’s ‘Jiaoqi chuyan’ [‘Preliminary words on the Leg-qi ailment,’ 1887, Canton]

12:15-2:00 LUNCH