

CALL FOR PAPERS

Workshop

Historical Epistemology: beginnings and current issues

22-23 may 2015

We hereby invite contributions by graduate students and young researchers for the two-day workshop “Historical epistemology: beginnings and current issues”, which will take place at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne on 22-23 may 2015.

Historical epistemology (HEP) can be placed within the renewed debate about the “marriage between the philosophy and the history of science” (HPS). Located at the crossroad of conceptual analysis and the history of practices, this methodological approach to the sciences combines historical and philosophical perspectives.

HEP finds its roots in France with the positive philosophy of Auguste Comte and represents the deployment of the complex path of the so-called “French style in epistemology”, whose principal representatives are G. Bachelard, G. Canguilhem and M. Foucault. Since the 90s, it is possible to talk of a renaissance of HEP within Anglo-American domains, thanks to the works of I. Hacking, A. I. Davidson and L. Daston, among others.

The international development of HEP in its contemporary phase is paralleled by a sort of paradoxical void in its birth place. The reconnection of this kind of epistemology to the original philosophical framework from which it emerged represents the occasion to reopen the debate in France.

The aim of the workshop will be to gather the graduate students and young researchers working within the constantly expanding field of HEP. This first meeting will allow the creation of a space of reflection wherein those involved can expose and share their research, methods and difficulties, as well as discuss the formation of a research group on HEP for future activities.

Proposals will be considered in the following areas:

- I. **History of historical epistemology:** of the French tradition (Bachelard, Canguilhem and Foucault) and its contemporary forms.

- II. **Methodological debates over the history and the philosophy of medicine, psychology and psychiatry.** These disciplines have represented and still represent particularly fertile domains for HEP, which has transformed their methods and issues.
- III. **Open section.** HEP has been linked to the most diverse disciplines and themes, and new directions are currently being opened.

Proposals (400 words and a brief presentation of the candidate) are to be forwarded **before January 26th** (with a reply by February 16th), as word or pdf files, to epistemologiehistorique@gmail.com. French and English are the two languages of the workshop. A limited number of financial aid covering the totality or a part of the travelling expenses of the participants is available and can be solicited.

Important dates

- Application deadline: January 26th 2015
- Notification of acceptance: February 16th 2015
- Workshop days: May 22-23rd 2015

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