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# Thinking:

Scenes from its  
Philosophical History

## Speakers:

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This 2-day workshop is devoted to tracing some of the concepts and practices of philosophical thinking in the history of philosophy. The presentations set out to re-describe concepts and practices of thinking in the history of philosophy, so as to answer the question: what are the different ways in which philosophers from different traditions have explicitly and implicitly understood what it is to think philosophically? Returning creatively to well-known debates in the Western tradition, but also to neglected controversies and material outside of the Western canon, each paper will scrutinise the emergence and evolution of distinctive conceptions of philosophical thinking, thereby eschewing abstract and ahistorical answers to the question, ‘what is thinking?’, in order to rather focus on philosophy’s self-reflection on its own development as a tradition of historically-specific forms of thought.

## Programme

*Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, SOTA Library, 19 Abercromby Square*

13.00 Coffee and Registration

13.15 Panayiota Vassilopoulou (University of Liverpool) and Daniel Whistler (RHUL)

*Welcome and Project Overview*

13.45 Richard Bett (John Hopkins University)

*Thinking without Commitment: Two Models*

14.45 Coffee

15.15 Rachael Wiseman (University of Liverpool)

*'Don't think, but look!' A Twentieth-Century Return to the Examined Life*

16.30 Panayiota Vassilopoulou (University of Liverpool)

*Plotinus on Imagination, Creativity and Thinking*

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Gordon Stephenson Building, Room G33*

10.00 Bruce Rosenstock (University of Illinois)

*Thinking as Experimental Theology: A Forgotten Episode in the History of Phenomenology*

11.10 Kirill Chepurin (HU, Berlin/HSE, Moscow) and Alex Dubilet (Vanderbilt University)

*In the Void of Thought: Nothingness, Anarchy, Resurrection (Chaadaev – Bakunin – Fyodorov)*

12.15 Lunch

13.20 Gregor Moder (University of Ljubljana)

*From Marx to Althusser and Beyond: Theory, Practice and the Practice of Theory*

14.20 Coffee

14.45 Fedor Benevich (LMU, Munich)

*Avicenna's Theory of Non-Propositional Thought and its Later Critiques*

16.00 Lydia Azadpour (RHUL) and Daniel Whistler (RHUL)

*Polyp-Thinking: Philosophy's Encounter with the Life Sciences in the Eighteenth Century*

17.00 Close

Organised by Panayiota Vassilopoulou and Daniel Whistler

**Registration is now open: to register, please contact Panayiota Vassilopoulou,  
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