

## **Celebrating the quatercentenary of the birth of Thomas Willis**

**Online conference, 18 November 2021, 09:30-17:30**

### **Session 1: Natural philosophy in early modern England**

**Moderator:**

Anna Marie Roos, School of History and Heritage, University of Lincoln; editor *Notes and Records*

**9.30 – 9.55: Clubs and societies for improving knowledge**

Michael Hunter, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, Birkbeck, University of London

**9.55 – 10.20: Religious and political contingency in advancing knowledge**

Louis Caron, independent scholar

**10.20 – 10.45: Thomas Willis's imaginative empiricism**

Alexander Wragge-Morley, University of Lancaster

**10.45 – 11.15: Discussion**

### **Session 2: Structure and function of humane bodies**

**Moderator:**

Catherine Dromelet, Department of Philosophy, University of Antwerp

**11.30 – 11.55: Willis's chemical corpuscularianism and his study of fevers**

Antonio Clericuzio, Department of Humanities, Roma Tre University

**11.55 – 12.20: The anatomy of the brain and nerves**

Zoltán Molnár, Department of Physiology Anatomy and Genetics, University of Oxford

**12.20 – 12.45: Anatomising the corporeal soul: Thomas Willis's medical-philosophical discourse on Man**

Claire Crignon, Department of Philosophy, Sorbonne Université

**12.45 – 13.15: Discussion**

### **Session 3: Setting down experiments of the sciences**

**Moderator:**

Giles Mandelbrote, Lambeth Palace Library

**13.45 – 14.10: The book trade in seventeenth century England**

James Raven, Magdalene College, Cambridge

**14.10 – 14.35: The printed works of Thomas Willis**

Alastair Compston, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge

**14.35 – 15.00: Original and copy in intaglio book illustration**

Roger Gaskell, Ffawyddog, Crickhowell

**15:00 – 15:30: Discussion**

### **Session 4: The legacy of Thomas Willis**

**Moderator:**

Jan van Gijn, Department of Neurology, University of Utrecht

**15.45 – 16.10: The reflex and integrated activity of the nervous system: contributions and legacy of Thomas Willis**

Miloš Judaš, Croatian Institute for Brain Research, University of Zagreb School of Medicine

**16.10 – 16.35: Thomas Willis and the origins of clinical neuroscience**

Alasdair Coles, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge

**16.35 – 17.00: Was Thomas Willis his brain?**

Ray Tallis, School of Medical Sciences, University of Manchester

**17.00 – 17.30: Discussion**