Émilie Du Châtelet’s Foundations of Physics
A conference celebrating the complete English translation
April 26-28, 2018
University of Notre Dame

Program (draft)

Thursday April 26th
6:30pm Welcome banquet and celebration of the translation

Friday April 27th
9:00-10:30 Katherine Brading, Welcome and Introduction to Du Châtelet’s Foundations of Physics
Karen Detlefsen and Andrew Janiak, The Relation of the Institutions to Du Châtelet’s Other Works
Monica Solomon, Foundations and Empiricism: Du Chatelet’s Philosophy of Time
11:00-12:30 Ruth Hagengruber, What’s new in Du Châtelet's metaphysics?
John Hanson, The Discreteness of Matter and the Law of Continuity in Du Châtelet's Foundations
Anne-Lise Rey, The (metaphysical?) foundations of the theory of attraction in Émilie Du Châtelet's Institutions
2:00-3:45 Judith Zinsser, Changing the Canon: Émilie Du Chatelet Joins the Procession
Lauren Montes and Phillip R. Sloan, The Manuscript of the Institutions: An Insight Into Controversy
Anne Seul, Du Châtele and the Encyclopedia of Diderot and d’Alembert
4:15-5:45 Roundtable discussion: Du Châtelet in philosophical context

Saturday April 28th
9:00-10:30 Ashton Green, Real Forces, Mechanical Causes: Émilie Du Châtelet’s Philosophy of Science in the "Dissertation on the Nature and Propagation of Fire"
Bryce Gessell, The philosophical significance of du Châtelet's "Essai sur l'optique"
Marcy Lascano, Du Châtelet on illusions
11:00-12:30 Keiko Kawashima, Reputation and ambition: Du Châtelet's revisions in her Dissertation on fire (1744)
Aaron Wells, Explanation in Du Châtelet’s Institutions de Physique
Andrea Reichenberger, Émilie Du Châtelet on the Laws of Motion
12:45-1:45 Lunchtime discussion: Perils and pleasures of translating Du Châtelet’s works
2:00-2:30 George Smith, Émilie Du Châtelet and Newton's Principia
2:30-3:30 Roundtable discussion: teaching Du Châtelet in the philosophy classroom
3:30-4:30 Wine and cheese reception celebrating the launch of the translation

Registration open at: philosophy.nd.edu/foundations-of-physics
Translations as they become available at: www.kbrading.org/du-chatelet