



## Medicine and Poisons in European History

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International conference organised by the History Department at **The Open University**, Milton Keynes, UK; and the Medical and Scientific Culture Group at the **IMF-CSIC**, Barcelona, Spain

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# Programme

## ***Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014***

**17.00–17.15: Ole Peter Grell** (The Open University)

Welcome and introduction

**17.15–18.15: Toine Pieters** (University of Utrecht)

Historic role of pharmacist purifying substances

**18.30: Visit to Hospital de Santa Creu**

**20.00: Reception sponsored by Ashgate Publishing**

## ***Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014***

**09.00–10.00: Helen King** (The Open University)

“First gut your viper”: acquiring knowledge in Galen’s poison stories

**10.00–10.30: Coffee**

**10.30–11.00: Visit to 18<sup>th</sup> Century Anatomical Theatre**

**11.00–12.00: Monserrat Cabré & Fernando Salmón** (University of Cantabria)

Poisons and the medieval humoral body

**12.00–13.00: Jon Arrizabalaga** (IMF-CSIC, Barcelona)

Pestis manufacta: plague, poisons, and fear in Old-Regime Europe

**13.00–14.00: Lunch**

**14.00–15.00: Georgiana Hedesan** (University of Oxford)

The Paracelsians/ alchemists and their use of poisons

**15.00–16.00: Alessandro Pastore** (University of Verona)

Poisoning as politics: the Italian Renaissance courts

**16.00–16.30: Tea**

**16.30–17.30: Andrew Cunningham** (University of Cambridge)

Mercury: 'one of the most valuable drugs we have' (1924)

**18.00: Visit to the Salvadoriana exhibition (Barcelona Botanical Garden)**

**20.30: Dinner**

## ***Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014***

**09.00–10.00: Alisha Rankin** (Tufts University, USA)

Gender, poison, and antidotes in early modern Europe

**10.00-11.00: Helen Bynum** (London)

“I’ll ne’er trust medicine”: Poison on stage

**11.00-11.30: Coffee**

**11.30-12.30: José R. Bertomeu-Sánchez** (University of Valencia)

Matthew Orfila and 19<sup>th</sup> century French toxicology

**12.30-13.30: Anne Hardy** (London School of Tropical Medicine)

Collateral Benefits: Food Poisoning Agents and their Therapeutic Applications since 1800

**13.30-14.30: Lunch**

**14.30-15.30: William Bynum** (London)

Poison by prescription

**15.30-16.30: Tea**

**16.30-17.00: Closing session**

**20.30: Conference Dinner**



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