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# EXPERIENCE IN THE PREMODERN SCIENCES OF SOUL AND BODY – GUEST LECTURES



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## Francis Bacon's Nomological Network of Nature

In this lecture Silvia Manzo explores Bacon's views on the laws of nature by showing the existence of a nomological network comprising four elements: the summary law of nature, the maxims of natural philosophy, the laws of properties (forms), and the customs of nature. The lecture provides an overview of each of these elements and the network they form. She then discusses the place of Bacon's views in the history of the emergence of the early modern concept of the laws of nature.

**APRIL 11, 2024**  
**13:30–15:00**

**SEMINAR ROOM B.16 /**  
**ZOOM**

The „Experience in the Premodern Sciences of Soul and Body – Guest Lectures“ series, hosted by Katja Krause, provides scholars and scientists from diverse academic backgrounds with a platform for open dialogue. They are invited to share their research insights with members of the Max Planck research group „Experience in the Premodern Sciences of Soul and Body ca. 800–1650,“ aiming to showcase their research while offering a deeper understanding into the methodologies employed by members of the research group.

Each session will feature a paper, circulated to all participants in advance, serving as a basis for discussion and further exploration of the topic.

The event will take place in the seminar room of the IMPRS (Boltzmannstr. 16, 14195 Berlin) and will also be held over Zoom. Everyone interested is welcome. To register and gain access to texts shared in advance, as well as the Zoom link, please email [sek.krause@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de](mailto:sek.krause@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de). Limited spaces are available.