



**XIV ATELIER
HÉLOÏSE WORKSHOP
PRAGUE
NOVEMBER 13–14, 2025**

**Between Tradition and Innovation: Universities as Places of Knowledge
from the Middle Ages to the Foundations of Modern Knowledge Societies**

Conference Programme

Academic Conference Centre, Husova 4a, 110 00 Praha 1

13 November 2025

09:00 – 09:30 | Opening Session

Welcome and Introduction

09:30 – 11:00 | Session 1: Pedagogy and Emergent Practices

Stefania Zucchini – *Basic University Disciplines with Social Utility: Grammar and Abacus between Schools and Universities in the Late Italian Middle Ages*

Maciej Zdanek – *New Textbooks and New Readings as a Way of Humanist Renewal: University of Krakow in the 16th Century Experience*

Tihana Luetić – *Communicating Knowledge to Students in Croatia at the End of the 19th and the Beginning of the 20th Century: Students' Perspective*

11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 | Session 2: Medicine, Science and Universities

Carla Frova – *Basic Knowledge and Practical Knowledge in the Teaching of Medicine at the University of Rome, Sapienza, in the 16th Century*

Rossana Scebba – *Flora, Cosmos, Salvatio: Pre-modern Academic Institutions and the Spread of Ideas*

12:30 – 13:45 | Lunch

13:45 – 15:15 | Session 3: Digital Approaches to Historical Sources

Kaspar Gubler, Pim van Bree and Geert Kessels – *Artificial Intelligence and the Study of University Knowledge Spaces in the Holy Roman Empire (1250–1550)*

Kateřina Bobková-Valentová, Marek Brčák, Jana Synovcová

Borovičková and Hedvika Kuchařová – *Between Monastery and University: Mapping Philosophical Education in Early Modern Bohemia through Digital Prosopography*

Matthieu Pichon – *Dissertations by the Numbers: Decoding PhD Theses with Computational Methods. Findings and Questions from the University of Brussels Case (1890–2020)*

15:15 – 15:45 | Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15 | Session 4: Networks of Knowledge Transfer

Mlada Holá and Martin Holý – *The University of Prague and Disseminating Knowledge to the Czech Lands in the Late Middle Ages and Early Modern Period*

Cosmin-Ştefan Dogaru – *Romanian Students in French and German Universities in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries: Networks and Spaces of Knowledge*

17:30 – 18:30 Meeting of the Board of Atelier Heloïse

19:00 | Joint Dinner

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09:30 – 10:30 | Session 5: Beyond the University: Law and Purpose

Maria Teresa Guerrini – *States' Use of Law Knowledge. The Bologna Graduates During the 16th and 17th Centuries*

Marta Baranowska and Paweł Fiktus – *The University – spiritus movens of the Codification of Roman Law in Poland in the 19th and 20th Centuries*

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 | Session 6: Knowledge, Exchange and Colonialism

Charlotte Prauß – *The University as an Enabling Space: Colonial Knowledge at the University of Göttingen*

Regina Lupi – *Useful Knowledge and Universities: The Debate on Humanities in Italian Universities of the 19th and 20th Centuries*

12:00 – 12:30 Closing Remarks