

Celestial Scripts: A Comparative Study of Astrological Diagrams in Manuscripts from the pre and early Modern Periods

Saint-Joseph Lisesi- Workshop Programme

Monday 22 September 2025

09:00-10:00 - Breakfast and Welcoming presentation

10:00-11:30- Twelve Verses on the Zodiac and Their Diagrams

Divna Manolova, Department of Literary Studies, Greek , Ghent University

11:30-13:00- Echo of Early Modern Astrology in Late Ottoman Contexts: A Reflexive Exercise on a Manuscript

Gaye Danişan, Department of the History of Sciences, Istanbul University

13:00-14:30- Lunch

14:30-16:00- Celestial Mechanics and Imperial Legitimization: Tracing the Influence of Māshā'allāh and Abū Ma'shar's Astrological diagrammatic perspectives in Ottoman, Safavid, and Mughal Manuscripts

Florence Somer, (LTE PSL-Observatoire de Paris, CNRS, EIDA)

16:00-17:30- Eclipse Knowledge and Diagrammatic Practices in Halifezâde İsmail Efendi's Ottoman Translation of Jacques Cassini's Astronomical Tables

Ceren Özdemir, Department of the History of Sciences, Istanbul University

17:30- 18:30- Panel Discussion

Tuesday 23 September 2025

9:00-9:30- Breakfast and coffee

9:30-11:00- Reconstructing a Lost Moveable Diagram: John Vimond's Planicelium, an Instrument for Astrology (Paris, c.1320)

Samuel Gessner, Center for the History of Science and Technology, Lisboa

11:00- 12:30- John of Lignières and houses's computation: a first look at his Saphea (Paris, c. 1320-1340)

Matthieu Husson, (LTE PSL-Observatoire de Paris, CNRS)

12:00-14:00- Lunch

14:00-15:30- Projected Rays: The Mathematical Art of Astrological Aspects in a text of Abū Naṣr al-Ḥasan ibn 'Alī al-Munajjim al-Qummī

Maryam Zamani, Department of the History of Sciences, Tehran University
(online)

15:30-17:00- Astrological chart, methods and techniques for a nativity consultation, or an horary, election and mundane study in the Early Modern Astrology

Luis Ribeiro, Center for the History of Science and Technology, Lisboa

17:00-18:00- Final Panel Discussion