

University of Neuchâtel  
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International workshop

**FIRE MANAGEMENT IN THE EARLY MODERN AGE: KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMY**

Organisers: Gianenrico Bernasconi and Marco Storni (Neuchâtel)

**16 September 2021**

**9:00-9:30 | Welcome by the conference organizers**

Session 1: The Knowledge of Fire (chair: Marco Beretta)

9:30-10:15 | HANNAH ELMER (Hannover), *Purification and Fire in Early Modern Alchemy*

10:15-11:00 | MARCO STORNI (Neuchâtel), *Thermometerless: The Codification of a Technology of Heat in the Early Modern Age*

**Coffee break**

Session 2: Fire and Technology (chair: Marie Thébaud-Sorger)

11:15-12:00 | CYRIL LACHEZE (Paris), « *La manière de conduire le feu* ». *Cuire la terre cuite architecturale à l'époque moderne, entre savoir-faire, disette de bois et innovations*

12:00-12:45 | GIANENRICO BERNASCONI (Neuchâtel), *Cuisine et cultures du feu à l'époque moderne*

**Lunch**

Session 3: Inventions and Inventors (chair: Gianenrico Bernasconi)

14:30-15:15 | RUBEN VERWAAL (Durham), *Managing Gentle Heat: Little Furnaces in the Eighteenth Century*

15:15-16:00 | OLIVIER JANDOT (Arras), *Les mécaniciens du feu. Inventeurs et promoteurs d'instruments de chauffage, XVIII<sup>e</sup>-début XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle*

### Coffee break

Session 4: The Chemical Fire (chair: Marco Storni)

16:15-17:00 | BÉRENGÈRE PINAUD (Paris), *De l'officine au jardin. Usages du feu dans les milieux apothicaires au XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle à Paris*

17:00-17:45 | MARCO BERETTA (Bologna), *Heat and Fire in Lavoisier's Experimental Techniques*

### Short break

18:00-18:45 | SIMON WERRETT (London), *TBA*

### Dinner

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Session 5: Fire Management in the Urban Space (chair: Simon Werrett)

9:30-10:15 | MARIE THÉBAUD-SORGER (Paris), *Agir sur le départ de feu pour contrer l'incendie. Inventions, matériaux et savoirs de la combustion au XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle*

10:15-11:00 | BELLA KATALIN (Budapest), *Inflammable Roof and Odourless Coal: Traditional and Modern Inventions to Serve a City*

11:00-11:45 | CORNELIA MÜLLER (Zittau/Görlitz), *Organizing the Chaos: How Firefighting Was Organised in the Towns of Bautzen, Görlitz and Lobau in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century*

### Coffee break

Session 6: Concluding Remarks

12:00-12:30 | LILIANE HILAIRE-PÉREZ (Paris), *Research Perspectives on Fire Management in the Early Modern Age*

12:30-14:00 | **Lunch and Farewell**