

Neuchâtel Seminar in History of Science and Technology, 2nd Edition
Every third Wednesday of the month, **4:00 pm to 5:30 pm CET**
The meetings will be held in hybrid mode (Webex link available upon request)

SCIENTIFIC OBJECTS: THEN AND NOW

Over the last decades, the nature of scientific objects has aroused considerable interest amongst historians, philosophers and sociologists of science. While quotidian objects are self-evident and need no particular mode of approach in order to be apprehended and used, scientific objects are by no means immediate. Instead, they require an articulated intellectual framework in order to be created, understood and employed. Vis-à-vis the 'silence' and elusiveness of material objects, which are the visible traces of practices that do not exist anymore, many different interpretations have been formulated in order to decode their epistemic status, modes of production, possible functions and historical circulation.

The second edition of the Neuchâtel Seminar in History of Science and Technology – entitled *Scientific Objects: Then and Now* – aims to reflect on scientific objects and the problems raised by their study by working on two aspects in particular. On the one hand, the seminar will host retrospective analyses of the evolution of object studies in the fields of history, philosophy and sociology of science, which have been produced since the so-called 'material turn' of the 1980s. On the other hand, the seminar will explore the open perspectives for future research on scientific objects, by hosting presentations of new studies of scientific objects, accompanied by methodological reflections.

Speakers:

- 15.09.2021 ▷ SIMON WERRETT (London)
- 20.10.2021 ▷ FRANCESCO LUZZINI (Berlin)
- 17.11.2021 ▷ ANDREW MORRIS (Brussels)
- 15.12.2021 ▷ MARCO STORNI (Neuchâtel) and VIRGIL WIBAUT-LE PALLAC (Lausanne)
- 19.01.2022 ▷ REBEKAH HIGGITT (Kent/National Museums Scotland)
- 16.02.2022 ▷ GIANENRICO BERNASCONI (Neuchâtel)
- 16.03.2022 ▷ FERNANDO GARCÍA SELGAS (Madrid)
- 20.04.2022 ▷ ANITA GUERRINI (Oregon State/UCSB)
- 18.05.2022 ▷ PAOLO BRENNI (Florence)

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