

# PRIME MATTER: THE ONTOLOGICAL STAKES OF PHYSICAL ENDURANCE

28 February 2020

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin  
Unter den Linden 6, Room 2249a

9.00–9.30: Workshop opening

9.30–11.45: Session 1

**Vincenzo Carlotto**, *Dividing the Indivisible: The Material Substrate of the Four Elements in Byzantine Alchemy.*

**Andreas Lammer**, *The Being of Matter before and after Avicenna: New Light on Greek and Arabic Sources.*

**Nicola Polloni**, *Original, First, or Prime: 12th-century Perspectives on Matter, with and without Aristotle.*

13.30–15.45: Session 2

**Elena Baltuta**, *What's the Matter with Prime Matter? Aquinas vs Kilwardby.*

**Yael Kedar**, *Dimensions, Quantity and Geometry in Roger Bacon's Conception of Matter.*

**Salvatore Carannante**, *"The Common Mother of Every Generated Thing." Leone Ebreo's Doctrine of Prime Matter.*

16.15–17.45: Session 3

**Silvia Manzo**, *Francis Bacon on Rebellious Matter and the Order of Nature.*

**Cesare Pastorino**, *Experimenting on the Weight of Things: Johannes Kepler on Specific Gravities.*

18.00–19.00: Keynote lecture

**Cecilia Trifogli**, *Matter as Principle of Change.*

~ ATTENDANCE IS FREE ~

