
The Australian Society For the History of Philosophy announces a **Conference to mark the Quatercentenary of Descartes’ Birth**. Theme: *Descartes’ Natural Philosophy*, at University of Sydney, 9-12 April 1996. The main themes of the conference will be Descartes’ account of physiology, optics, mathematics, harmonic theory, mechanics, cosmology, cognition and the nature of the mind. Papers are invited on any of these or on related themes, including the background to Descartes’ work in natural philosophy and the way in which it was taken up in the 17th and 18th centuries. Abstracts (c.200 words) should reach the conference organiser by 1 November 1995. Conference organiser: Dr Stephen Gaukroger, TM Philosophy, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia. (Stephen.Gaukroger@philosophy.su.edu.au)

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The Study Center ‘Lessico Intellettuale Europeo’ of the Italian National Council of Research (CNR) is going to organize a conference on ‘Unity and Multiplicity in the Philosophical and Scientific Thought of Leibniz’, in Rome (3-5 October 1996).