

# Seminar in the History of the Exact Sciences

All Souls College, the Hovenden Room  
Hilary term 2020: Tuesdays at 5.00p.m.

Convenors: Philip Beeley, Christopher Hollings and Benjamin Wardhaugh

*21 January*

Adam Mosley (Swansea University)

'When was cosmology? The curious history of a disciplinary category, c.1600–c.1730'

*28 January*

Angela Axworthy (MPIWG Berlin)

'Unity and diversity of practical geometry in sixteenth-century France'

*4 February*

Isobel Falconer (University of St Andrews)

'To G or not to G: J H Poynting and the gravitational constant in the nineteenth century'

*11 February*

Lee Macdonald (History of Science Museum, Oxford)

'Proposals to move the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, 1836–1945'

*18 February*

Alice Marples (University of Oxford)

'Mastering the Mint: Isaac Newton's economic and numismatic work'

*25 February*

Tilman Sauer (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)

'How general relativity resonated with differential geometers'

*3 March*

Lucia Bucciarelli (University of Oxford)

'The "Galilean Sect": Talented mathematicians, devoted disciples'

*10 March*

Ivahn Smadja (University of Nantes)

'The puzzle of Brahmagupta's quadrilaterals: Hankel's reading of Colebrooke'