

# THE ELUSIVE SUBSTRATE

## Prime Matter and Hylomorphism from Ancient Rome to Early Qing China



**Remote philosophical discussions on matter  
from May 2021 to March 2022**

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**PROGRAMME**

**Phase One**

*Phase one includes nine remote authors' meetings (panels), from May 2021 to March 2022. In each panel, three authors will present their research-in-progress paper. Authors are encouraged to discuss a selection of texts, a specific problem or set of problems, or any other aspects that they will later examine in the volume chapter they will write. The aim of this first phase is to open a general discussion among the authors in order to embrace the richness of actors, doctrines, and problems marking the philosophical discussion on prime/original matter. Discussion materials (such as primary texts, slides, etc.) should be sent to Nicola Polloni (nicola.polloni@kuleuven.be) at least one week in advance. Authors will have 25/30 minutes to present their research. The panel will be chaired by the person who will serve as respondent during phase two (see below). Panel meetings will be concluded by a general discussion.*

14 May 2021

**Roman Preludes (P1)**

**Daryn Lehoux** (Queen's University)

**John Wynne** (University of Utah)

**Peter Singer** (Birkbeck University London)

chaired by **Charles Brittain** (Cornell University)

11 June 2021

**Latin Philosophy in Late Antiquity (P2)**

**Anna Marmodoro** (Durham University)

**Gretchen Reydam-Schils** (University of Notre Dame)

**Enrico Moro** (Università di Padova)

chaired by **John Magee** (University of Toronto)

10 September 2021

**The High Middle Ages (P3)**

**Clelia Crialessi** (Università di Roma "Tor Vergata")

**Charles Burnett** (The Warburg Institute)

**Magdalena Bieniak** (University of Warsaw)

chaired by **John Marenbon** (University of Cambridge)

24 September 2021

**Islamicate Roots (P4)**

**Emma Gannagé** (American University of Beirut)

**Andreas Lammer** (Universität Trier)

**Matteo Di Giovanni** (Università di Torino)

chaired by **Peter Adamson** (LMU München)

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5 November 2021

**Hylomorphic Turns (P5)**

**Neil Lewis** (Georgetown University)

**Nicola Polloni** (KU Leuven)

**Jeffrey Brower** (Purdue University)

chaired by **Rega Wood** (Indiana University Bloomington)

3 December 2021

**Scholasticism and Matter (P6)**

**Silvia Donati** (Universität Bonn)

**Russell Friedman** (KU Leuven)

**Cecilia Trifogli** (University of Oxford)

chaired by **William Duba** (Université de Fribourg)

14 January 2022

**The Later Middle Ages (P7)**

**Aurélien Robert** (CNRS - Université de Paris)

**Clyde Lee Miller** (Stony Brook University)

**Salvatore Carannante** (Università di Pisa)

chaired by **Gabriele Galluzzo** (University of Exeter)

18 February 2022

**Towards a New Notion of Matter (P8)**

**Han Thomas Adriaenssen** (University of Groningen)

**Dominik Perler** (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)

**Silvia Manzo** (Universidad Nacional de La Plata)

chaired by **Robert Pasnau** (University of Colorado)

18 March 2022

**Hylomorphism East and West (P9)**

**Roberto Hofmeister Pich** (PUC do Rio Grande do Sul)

**Anna Strob** (Universität Tübingen)

**Thierry Meynard** (Sun Yat-sen University)

chaired by **Mário Carvalho** (Universidade de Coimbra)

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### Phase Two

Phase two will unfold during nine meetings to be held in May and July 2022. Each meeting will discuss the respondent's comments on the panels. The comments (20 to 30 minutes) will be followed by a general discussion of each paper. Please consider that the following dates may be subject to changes.

6 May 2022

**Charles Brittain** (Cornell University)

13 May 2022

**John Magee** (University of Toronto)

20 May 2022

**John Marenbon** (University of Cambridge)

27 May 2022

**Peter Adamson** (LMU München)

3 June 2022

**William Duba** (Université de Fribourg)

10 June 2022

**Rega Wood** (Indiana University Bloomington)

17 June 2022

**Gabriele Galluzzo** (University of Exeter)

24 June 2022

**Robert Pasnau** (University of Colorado)

1 July 2022

**Mário Carvalho** (Universidade de Coimbra)

## Info and contact

### Programme updates

More information is available at <http://potestas-essendi.com/elusivesubstrate>. Meeting times will be established in accordance with the panelists' locations and time zones. Details will be communicated in advance via email and on the website.

### Participation

All speakers and respondents are invited to participate in the meetings. Further attendees are required to contact the organiser by email ([nicola.polloni@kuleuven.be](mailto:nicola.polloni@kuleuven.be)) at least one week in advance.

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