

## Presentation

The term 'classical' has come to be applied to a number of medical traditions around the world, from ancient to modern times and from Europe and the Middle East to South Asia and East Asia. This conference will bring together scholars from different backgrounds to consider what is meant by the term 'classical' when applied to medicine. Among the main questions to be examined are: Does 'classical' denote adherence to a set of written, canonical sources (and, if so, how do those sources acquire their authority)? Does it indicate certain kinds of training or understandings of the body and disease-causation (perhaps in conscious contrast to non-'classical' concepts of healing)? Does 'classical' signify certain ways in which medicine is practised (and on whom)? How does it reflect and inform the social standing of practitioners? And how do they defend their traditions in the face of criticism levelled against it by modern, western medicine? As well as addressing these questions in relation to specific times and places, the participants will also consider how concepts of medical 'classicism' have spread and how effectively a concept of 'classical' medicine enables us to make comparisons and recognise connections between one medical tradition and another.

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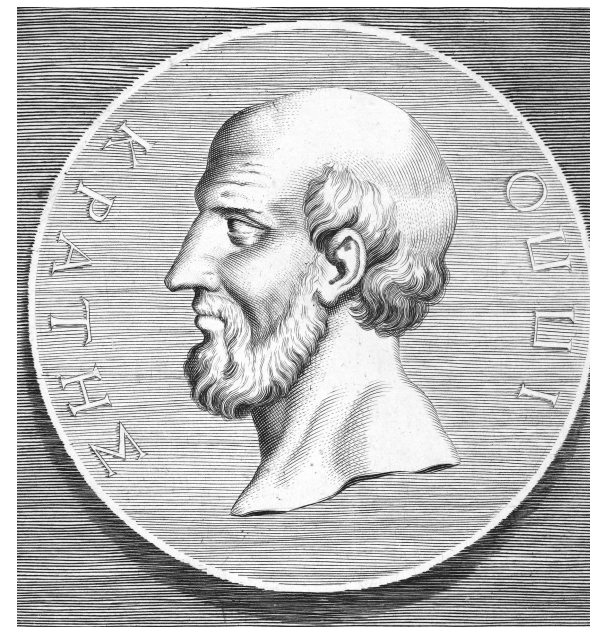
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Illustration: Hippocrates from G.P. Bellori, *Vetervm illustrium philosophorum, poetarvm, rhetorum, et oratorvm imagines ...*, Rome 1685.



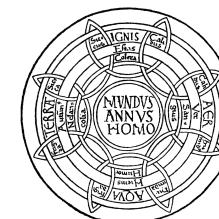
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Friday 13 November 2009

10.00 Doors open – registration

10.30 David Arnold (University of Warwick)  
Introductory Lecture: Making Medicine Classical

11.10 Coffee

Session 1  
Chair – Charles Burnett

11.30 Vivian Nutton (Wellcome Trust Centre for the  
History of Medicine at UCL)  
Hippocrates, Galen, and the Western Medical  
Traditions

12.10 Helen King (University of Reading)  
How Hippocrates Became the First Man-midwife

1.00 Lunch – by invitation

Session 2  
Chair – Helen King

2.15 Peter E. Pormann (University of Warwick)  
The Construction of Classical Authority:  
Hippocratic Commentaries in the Graeco-Arabic  
Tradition

2.55 Pauline Koetschet (University of Warwick)  
Legitimation through Adaptation. The Use  
of Greek Sources in the Works of Al-Razi, Ishaq  
Ibn 'Imran and Al-Majusi in the Case of Melancholy

3.45 Tea

Session 3  
Chair – Peter E. Pormann

4.15 Anne Marie Moulin (CNRS-REHSEIS-  
University of Paris 7)  
Heralding Scientific Revolutions or Pursuing the  
Classical Tradition? The Foundation of the Medical  
School of Cairo in the 19th Century

4.55 Miri Shefer (Tel-Aviv University)  
Medical Scenes in Illuminated Ottoman  
Manuscripts

5.35 Elaine Leong (University of Warwick)  
Creating a New Canon: Recipes and Vernacular  
Knowledge in Early Modern England

c. 6.15 Conference finishes for the day

Saturday 14 November 2009

10.00 Doors open – registration

Session 4  
Chair – David Arnold

10.15 Guy Attewell (Wellcome Trust Centre for the  
History of Medicine at UCL)  
Classical Constructions in the Making of  
Twentieth-Century Yunani Medicine

11.05 Coffee

11.35 David Hardiman (University of Warwick)  
Indian Medical Indigeneity: From Nationalist  
Universalism to Global Complementarity

12.20 Vivienne Lo (Wellcome Trust Centre for the  
History of Medicine at UCL)  
Authenticity and Authority: a Late Medieval  
Persian Reading of Classical Chinese Medicine

1.10 Lunch – by invitation

Session 5  
Chair – Vivienne Lo

2.15 Volker Scheid (Westminster University)  
China: the Late Qing Attempt to Reconstruct  
Authentic Chinese Medicine

3.00 Ronit Yoeli Tlalim (Wellcome Trust Centre  
for the History of Medicine at UCL)  
Galen in Tibet? Sources and Conjectures

4.00 Tea – conference ends

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