Towards the Authority of Vesalius.
Representations of the Human Body in Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

The authority of Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564) in reviving the human anatomy is without any doubt a landmark in the history of science. Yet, his breakthrough was inconceivable without his predecessors’ works, and later on, his own legacy would not remain untouched.

This multidisciplinary conference aims at bringing together international scholars working in the field of theology, art history, philosophy, history of science and historical linguistics. Its goal is to conceptualize and contextualize the interactions between, on the one hand, dogma and authority, and, on the other hand, the progress of empirical sciences, both in the development of anatomy and in the changing views on the human body.

Part of the conference will deal specifically with the creation and elaboration of scientific terminology in Greek, Latin and the vernacular.

Papers may be given in English or French, and should be 25 minutes long. To submit a proposal, please send an abstract of approximately 300 words, along with your name, academic affiliation and contact information by 15 April 2014 to marleen.reynders@kuleuven.be

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The keynote lectures will be delivered by Prof. Alain Touwaide (Smithsonian Institute, USA), Prof. Ian Maclean (University of Oxford, UK) and Prof. David Trotter (Aberystwyth University, UK).

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