



## Workshops on the Latin Works of Henry More

Henry More was by far the most prolific writer among the Cambridge Platonists. His magisterial *Opera Philosophica* of 1679, now being edited and translated into English on the AHRC-funded project *Cambridge Platonism at the Origins of the Enlightenment*, contains some of his most seminal writings, including his influential critiques of Baruch de Spinoza, Jacob Boehme and Isaac de Luria. The interdisciplinary *Workshops on the Latin Works of Henry More*, organized by the Universities of Cambridge and Bochum, provide first analyses of these newly-edited and newly-translated texts from a variety of historical, philosophical and theological perspectives.



### I. Concepts of God and Man in Henry More's Critique of Spinoza

More's refutations of Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise* and *Ethics* provide a comprehensive rebuttal of the Dutch rationalist's monism of substance and striving on the basis of his mature Christian Platonism. Insisting upon God's goodness and man's free will as corollaries of divine perfection, More delineates a deeply original pantheism of space in which the whole of reality, whether intellectual or material, is viewed as extended.

## Part I: Baruch de Spinoza and the Cambridge Enlightenment

3<sup>rd</sup> June, Clare College

- 10.00–10.30 Benedikt P. GÖCKE, Bochum  
Introduction: Panentheism of Space – The Contemporary Significance of Henry More's Anti-Spinozistic Writings
- 10.30–11.30 Klaus E. MÜLLER, Münster  
*Atheorum pessimus* or *Theissimus et Christianissimus?* About Spinoza's Theological Pertinence
- 11.45–12.45 Douglas HEDLEY, Cambridge  
God's Goodness and the Law of Disinterested Love – Henry More and the Threat of Spinoza's Naturalism
- 12.45–1.30 Discussion

## Part II: More's Anti-Spinozistic Writings: The *Ad V.C. Epistola altera*, the *Scholia* and the *Confutatio*

- 2.30–3.00 Christian HENGSTERMANN, Münster  
The Cambridge Platonists and the First Pantheism Debate – Translating Henry More's *Ad V.C. Epistola Altera* and *Scholia* and the *Confutatio*
- 3–3.30 Mark BURDEN, Bristol  
The Politics of Henry More
- 4.00–4.45 Friedrich UEHLEIN, Freiburg: Revelation, Miracles and Rational Faith – More's Defence of the Religious Imagination and Divine Action (*Tractatus*, chs. 1–3. 13–14; *Epistola altera*, 1–13. 33–34)