Francis Bacon’s Nomological Network of Nature

In this lecture Silvia Manzo explores Bacon’s views on the laws of nature by showing the existence of a nomological network comprising four elements: the summary law of nature, the maxims of natural philosophy, the laws of properties (forms), and the customs of nature. The lecture provides an overview of each of these elements and the network they form. She then discusses the place of Bacon’s views in the history of the emergence of the early modern concept of the laws of nature.