

Ex Animalibus

The Usefulness of Animals in Premodern Science

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In the occasion of the recent publication of the book *ʿIsā ibn ʿAlī's Book On the Useful Properties of Animal Parts*, the *AlchemEast* project organizes a symposium on the role of animals and their properties in premodern science. The speakers will address a topic of their research related to the book, introducing the discussion with the author on some crucial aspects of animal presence in technical literature.

Programme

- 16,30 – 16,45 Welcome and introduction (Lucia Raggetti, University of Bologna)
- 16,45 – 17,00 *Manafi' and hawass: questions and approaches* (Renke Kruk, University of Leiden)
- 17,00 – 17,15 *Animal Substances in the Alchemical Art* (Matteo Martelli, University of Bologna)
- 17,15 – 17,30 *The usefulness of animals, plants and minerals in the study of Arabic encyclopedias and cosmographies* (Francesca Bellino, University of Napoli 'L'Orientale')
- 17,45 – 18,45 Round Table and General Discussion

