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Ciclo di Seminari “Un lessico per le scienze umane”

### INTERPRETAZIONE

**Ofer Gal**

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### Reflections on Interpretation of Texts - Early Modern and Others

The historiographic and methodological musings which characterized history of science as a discipline – and especially its early modern factions – in the second half of the last century have given place to a strict demand for professionalism. Yet the tools of our trade did not oblige by becoming any more transparent or self-evident. In homage to my teachers of yore, who were much given to ‘programmatic attempts’ and ‘notes towards’, I would like to offer a cluster of rules of thumb to the interpretation of scientific and philosophical texts, especially early modern ones, which I found embedded in my own studies. I will illustrate each with an example from this work.

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