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# Workshop

## Spinoza's Anti-Sceptical System and Its Aftermath

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Spinoza is famous for his rigorous metaphysical system, according to which there is only one substance that gives rise to infinitely many modes that can be conceived under infinitely many attributes and that provides the ultimate cause and explanation for all kinds of phenomena, such as the nature of God, freedom, and the nature of laws. What is less appreciated, however, is that Spinoza's metaphysical system comes with an elaborate optimistic epistemology, which justifies our ability to know this system and its implications in the first place, at least in principle. As an explanatory powerful and inherently anti-sceptical system, Spinoza's metaphysics influenced many philosophers after him. This workshop will bring together a range of scholars who work on different facets of Spinoza's wide-ranging anti-sceptical metaphysics and on different receptions of his thought. All contributions discussed at the workshop will be published in the forthcoming *Blackwell Companion to Spinoza*.

### Convenor

- Stephan Schmid (Universität Hamburg)

### Participants

- Clare Carlisle (King's College London)
- Daniel Dargicevic (Universität Hamburg)
- Luce DeLire (Johns Hopkins University/Universität Hamburg)
- Yitzhak Melamed (Johns Hopkins University)
- Dominik Perler (Humboldt-Universität Berlin)
- José María Sánchez de León Serrano (Universität Hamburg)
- Pina Totaro (Sapienza Università di Roma)
- Jason Yonover (Johns Hopkins University)

### Venue

**Maimonides Centre for  
Advanced Studies**  
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The event is open to the public, with advance registration via e-mail: [maimonides-centre@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:maimonides-centre@uni-hamburg.de)

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