



# SENSE, AFFECT AND SELF-PRESERVATION IN BERNARDINO TELESIO (1509-1588) THE WARBURG INSTITUTE 18 JUNE 2010

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The fifth centenary of Bernardino Telesio's birth provides an opportunity to revisit some of the most characteristic themes in his philosophy. This one-day conference will focus on the key notions of sense (*sensus*), affect (*affectus* and *passio*) and self-preservation (*conservatio*). Telesio's cosmology rests on the basic assumption that the universe is maintained in a steady-state of equilibrium by the inherently responsive character of matter. Material nature has the ability to perceive and to be affected; and, as a consequence, the universe works as an autonomous domain of actions and reactions, both in a physical and psychological sense and in an ethical and political one. By investigating the various interrelationships between sense, affect and self-preservation in both the natural and human world, this international conference at the Warburg Institute will reassess the significance of Telesio's philosophy both for his time and for later centuries.

Programme: <http://warburg.sas.ac.uk/colloquia/telesio.html>

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