

# Evelyn Fox Keller

Reflecting on her work one year after her passing



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# PROGRAM

## Monday, September 23rd 2024

**9:00-9:30**

Welcome coffee

**9:30-9:45**

Conference introduction (**Karine Chemla & Francesca Merlin**)

**9:45-10:30**

Invited talk 1 – **Angela Creager** (Princeton University & IEA Paris)  
*Refiguring the History of Biology: Evelyn Fox Keller's Legacy*

**10:30-11:00**

Coffee break

**11:00-11:45**

Invited talk 2 – **Diane Paul** (University of Massachusetts Boston)  
*The Corpse that Won't Stay Buried: Exploring the Enduring Character of Nature-Nurture Debates*

**11:45-12:30**

Invited talk 3 – **Olesya Bondarenko** (Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition Research)  
*Causal Relationships in Behavioural Genetics: Revisiting the Trait/Trait Difference Distinction*

**12:30-14:00**

Lunch break

**14:00-14:45**

Invited talk 4 - **Petra Lucht** (Freie Universität Berlin)  
*Challenging encounters with Evelyn Fox Keller: Studies on Gender and Science for the sake of Science - Studies on Science for a Livable Future on this Earth.*

**14:45-15:30**

Invited talk 5 – **Rene Almeling** (Yale University)  
*The Power of Gendered Metaphors*

**15:30-16:00**

Coffee break

**16:00-16:30**

Submitted talk 1 – **Ewa Zegler-Poleska**, (Centrum Europejskich Studiów Regionalnych i Lokalnych (EUROREG), Uniwersytet Warszawski)  
*Mapping the Legacy of Evelyn Fox Keller through the Bibliometric Lens*

**16:30-17:15**

Invited talk 6 – **Thierry Hoquet** (IREPH, Université Paris Nanterre)  
*The Subject of Feminism and Science*

**17:15**

Discussion (Chairs: Karine Chemla & Francesca Merlin)

**18:00**

Cocktail

## Tuesday, September 24th 2024

**9:00-9:30**

Welcome coffee

**9:30-10:15**

Invited talk 7 - **Gregory Radick** (School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science, University of Leeds)

*The social-justice case for spreading the word about the historical contingency of genetic knowledge*

**10:15-11:00**

Organizer's talk – **Francesca Merlin** (IHPST, CNRS-U. Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne)

*Replaying the developmental life's tape: what keeps development on tracks*

**11:00-11:30**

Coffee break

**11:30- 12:00**

Submitted talk 2 – **Sylvain Lallier** (CERMES3 & CAK, Université Paris Cité)

*How does microbiome come to be?*

**12:00-13:45**

Lunch break

**13:45-14:30**

Organizer's talk – **Karine Chemla** (SPHERE, CNRS & U. Paris Cité)

*Epistemological cultures: what benefits can we derive from this concept?*

**14:30-15:15**

Invited talk 8 – **Snait B. Gissis** (Cohn Institute, Tel Aviv University)

*Changing existing disciplines, constituting new ones.*

**15:15-15:45**

Coffee break

**15:45-16:30**

Invited talk 9 – **Philippe Huneman** (IHPST, CNRS-U. Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne)

*Active matter, self-organization, organisms: How Evelyn Fox Keller's epistemological history helps us overcome metaphysical dilemmas.*

**16:30**

Conclusion (chairs: **Karine Chemla** & **Francesca Merlin**)