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Aula 1 Walter Fornasa Sant'Agostino

Seminario

Robert Hooke's Diary as Evidence

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Robert Hooke (1635-1703) was one of the most inventive and productive early Fellows of the Royal Society of London, remembered today for his law of springs and his contributions to seventeenth-century theories of light and motion. His private diary reveals a much wider range of personal research interests and scientific associates in late-seventeenth-century London. Using Hooke's diary as a case-study, this talk will discuss how historians of science can use personal documents such as diaries, correspondence and wills to complement the standard sources of institutional archives and printed books.

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