Reconsidering Thought and Action in the Renaissance
Roundtable sponsored by the FISIER

Friday, March 31, 10:30am to 12:00pm, Palmer House Hilton, Third Floor, Crystal Room

In connection with the topic of the international colloquium “Penser et Agir à la Renaissance” / “Thought and Action in the Renaissance”, organized by the FISIER in Chicago (29–30 March 2016), this roundtable aims to reconsider the relations between “active” and “contemplative” lives in the Renaissance, focusing in particular on the ways in which scholars, humanists, and intellectuals dealt with political and social engagement (or disengagement), failures and successes in the context of the harsh and unpredictable events that characterised early modern Europe. Within this wide reconsideration of the action of European thinkers in the Renaissance, it will be possible to discuss their theoretical engagement as well as their writing as a form of action per se; their direct involvement in the achievement of political and social actions; their relationship with the society of their time (e.g. censorship, strategies, limitations, conflict); the ways in which later intellectuals received their ideas.

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