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**Joachim Ritter, Karlfried Gründer and Gottfried Gabriel**, *Historisches Wörterbuch der Philosophie, Band 11: U-V*, Basel, Schwabe, 2001, pp. 666, €198.00, SFr 330.00 (hardback 3-7965-0702-6).

The great enterprise sails onwards, covering in this volume everything from “evil” to “vulcanism”. Those with German will derive considerable benefit from the major discussions of such themes as “reason” (*Vernunft*), “understanding” (*Verstehen*), and universals, to say nothing of a whole cluster of negative terms, from “immortality” to “ignorance” (*Unwissenheit*). Those with only a limited acquaintance with a few technical terms may still gain from the copious bibliographies.

This volume, although it has much to offer on wider themes, such as “nation” (*Volk*), “kinship” (*Verwandschaft*), and “universal language”, has relatively little for the medical historian. But there is a brief but eloquent exposition of the meaning of “university” (although without mentioning Newman), and an even longer discussion of “causation” (*Ursache*). “Providence”, “prognosis”, and “prophecy” are treated in a series of linked articles (*Voraussage, Voraussicht, Vorherwissen, Vorsehung*), that pay proper attention to the development of these concepts within medical, as well as the more obvious religious and philosophical, contexts.

**Galen**, *Anatomicarum administrationum libri qui supersunt novem: earundem interpretatio Arabica Hunaino Isaaci filio ascripta, tomus alter libros V-IX continens*, ed. I Garofalo, Annali dell’Istituto Universitario Orientale de Napoli, Quaderni 4, Naples, Istituto Universitario Orientale, 2000, pp. 435, (ISSN 1128-7217).

This specialist volume is the second and final part of a critical edition of the first nine books of the extant Greek of Galen’s *De anatomicis administrationibus*, together with the Arabic translation from the circle of the renowned Nestorian physician and philologist, Ḥunayn ibn Ishāq (d. 873 AD). It should not be inferred, however, that Ḥunayn’s text is meant to be a literal translation of Galen’s Greek. Garofalo’s earlier work (books I-IV) was published in 1986. Since then, as he states in the preface to this book, he has had the benefit of thirteen years of additional scholarship in a challenging and rewarding field. This volume provides a comprehensive set of indexes in Greek and Arabic, and a list of additions and corrections to the first volume. Whilst this reviewer cannot pass judgement on the Arabic text, it is a pleasure to possess a critical edition that completes the extant Greek of this important work, and in a well-presented format that is kind to the eye. It is to be hoped that Garofalo intends producing a critical successor to Max Simon’s 1906 edition of books IX, 6-XV. One would also like to think that a CMG edition of the complete text of *De anatomicis administrationibus* will appear in the not too distant future. Garofalo has certainly helped lay the foundations for such a desideratum.

**Charlotte Schubert and Ulrich Huttner** (eds), *Frauenmedizin in der Antike*, Dusseldorf and Zurich, Artemis & Winkler, 1999, pp. 575, DM 88.00, SFr 80.00 (3-7608-1711-4).

This compact volume collects together extracts from a range of ancient sources—mostly medical, but also philosophical, legal and historical—to illustrate the intersections between women and medicine in the classical world. The

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material (Greek or Latin text with German translation on the facing page) is organized into sections on 'Medicine and society', 'Theory: the conception of the female body in medicine', 'Practice: gynaecology and fertility', 'Pregnancy, birth, and lying-in'; and followed by a brief introduction to the development of classical medicine in general, and to various aspects of its conceptual and practical dealings with women. Additional background on the authors and texts used, a bibliography and glossary complete the work. The selection of excerpts is somewhat limited—with the Hippocratic Corpus, Galen, and Soranus providing the great majority of the passages, and no space for such alternative medical voices from the Roman Empire as Aretaeus the Cappadocian or Rufus of Ephesus, nor for views from late antiquity—but this is undoubtedly a useful German language resource.

### BOOKS ALSO RECEIVED

(The inclusion of a title does not preclude the possibility of subsequent review. Items received, other than those assigned for review, are ultimately incorporated into the collection of the Wellcome Library.)

**Caroline Jean Acker**, *Creating the American junkie: addiction research in the classic era of narcotic control*, Baltimore and London, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002, pp. x, 276, £31.00 (hardback 0-8018-6798-3).

**Peter Lewis Allen**, *The wages of sin: sex and disease, past and present*, University of Chicago Press, 2002 (hardback 2000), pp. xiii, 202, illus., £12.00, US\$17.00 (paperback 0-226-01461-4). The hardback was reviewed by Michael Worboys in *Medical History*, 2002, **46**: 125–6.

**Alison Bashford and Claire Hooker** (eds), *Contagion: historical and cultural studies*, Routledge Studies in the Social History of Medicine, London and New York, Routledge, 2001, pp. xiii, 240, illus., £55.00 (hardback 0-415-24671-7).

**Samuel W Bloom**, *The word as scalpel: a history of medical sociology*, Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. vii, 348, £47.50 (hardback 0-19-507232-4), £19.95 (paperback 0-19-514929-7).

**Urs Boschung, Barbara Braun-Bucher, Stefan Hächler, Anne Kathrin Ott, Hubert Steinke, Martin Stuber** (eds), *Repertorium zu Albrecht von Hallers Korrespondenz 1724–1777*, Studia Halleriana VII/1, VII/2, Basel, Schwabe, 2002, pp. xviii, 634 (vol. 1), 352 (vol. 2), €119.00 (hardback 3-7965-1325-5).

**Montserrat Cabré and Teresa Ortiz** (eds), *Sanadoras, matronas y médicas en Europa, siglos XII–XX*, Barcelona, Icaria, 2001, pp. 317 (paperback 84-7426-561-4).

**J S Cameron**, *History of the treatment of renal failure*, Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. xiv, 353, illus., £45.00 (hardback 0-19-851547-2).

**Waltraud Ernst** (ed.), *Plural medicine, tradition and modernity, 1800–2000*, Routledge Studies in the Social History of Medicine, London and New York, Routledge, 2002, pp. xiii, 253, £60.00 (hardback 0-415-23122-1).

**Sylvie Fainzang**, *Médicaments et société: le patient, le médecin et l'ordonnance*, Collection "Ethnologies-Controverses", Paris, Presses Universitaires de France, 2001, pp. 149, FFrs 138.00 (paperback 2-13-051726-9).

**Jean-Paul Gaudillière and Ilana Löwy** (eds), *Heredity and infection: the history of disease transmission*, Routledge Studies in