

# The Seventh Biennial Francis Bacon Conference Lecture



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### Un Altro Presente: on the Historical Interpretation of Mathematical Texts

Mathematics is a discipline characterized by a notable stability through time and across cultures. Can mathematical texts of the past awaken a feeling of wonder, a "feeling," as the historian Paolo Rossi once remarked of medicine and cosmology, "of an unbridgeable distance"?



IMAGE: Engraving from  
Newton's *Analysis per  
Quantitatum Series,  
Fluxiones, ac Differentias*  
(1711), attributed to  
Joseph Nutting.

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Reception to Follow

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