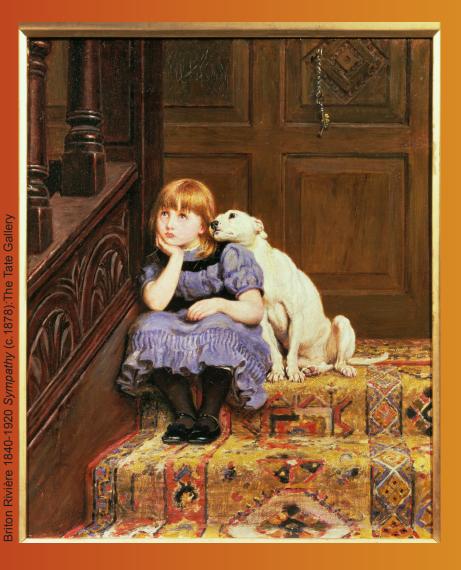
## Sympathies and Antipathies:

## Altruism and Emotional Response Across the Disciplines

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Once a fundamental concept in early modern and enlightenment medicine and philosophy, sympathy has re-emerged as a subject of investigation in a wide range of modern disciplines. This conference will begin to chart this territory in which earlier models of fellow-feeling, compassion, and commiseration are taken up in modern science, fiction, film, and social policy; and to explore how these models are re-worked in conjunction with new constructs like empathy, altruism, and humanitarianism.

