



# SIP: Society for Italian Philosophy

## Third Annual International Conference

MARCH 28-30, 2019

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY, Stony Brook, NY, USA

All events will take place at the Charles B. Wang Center

### THURSDAY MARCH 28

- 2:30-2:35 SIP Co-Directors' Greetings (Lecture Hall 2)  
**Silvia Benso** and **Antonio Calcagno**
- 2:35-2:45 Institutional Welcome (Lecture Hall 2)  
**Peter Carravetta**, Department of Philosophy  
**Judith Lochhead**, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences  
**Robert Crease**, Chair, Department of Philosophy
- 2:45-4:05 SESSION I
- Panel: Honoring the Hosts** (Lecture Hall 2)  
Presenters: **Abdullah Basaran**, Stony Brook University, USA  
"Rethinking Hermeneutics and the Problem of Method: Peter Carravetta's *The Elusive Hermes*"  
**Alessio Rotundo**, Duquesne University, USA  
"The Incommensurable and the Visible: Gaetano Chiurazzi's Ontology of the Incommensurable and Merleau-Ponty's Theory of Perception"  
Moderator: **Antonio Calcagno**, Western University, Canada
- 4:05-4:30 Break
- 4:30-6:00 **Keynote Lecture**, introduced by **Silvia Benso** (Lecture Hall 2)  
**"Ontology of Contingency"**  
**Giacomo Marramao**  
Università di Roma Tre, Italy
- 6:00-7:00 Reception (The Chapel)

### FRIDAY MARCH 29

- 8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast (First Floor Landing)
- 9:00-10:20 SESSION II
- Panel A: Sociality and Loneliness** (Room 301)  
Presenters: **Mark Epstein**, Independent Scholar, USA  
"Preve's Uses of Lukács: Rethinking a Marxist Tradition"  
**Diane Enns**, Ryerson University, Canada  
"Organized Loneliness" in Hannah Arendt and Franco Berardi"  
Moderator: **Timothy Campbell**, Cornell University, USA
- Panel B: On Time** (Room 201)  
Presenters: **Gabriella Bianco**, UNESCO  
"The Concept of Time in Carlo Michelstaedter (With Reference to Simone Weil, Emmanuel Levinas, and Martin Heidegger)"  
**Brian Schroeder**, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA  
"Time to Bloom: Agamben and Debord"  
Moderator: **Elvira Roncalli**, Carroll College, USA
- Panel C: Autobiography and Translatability** (Room 101)  
Presenters: **Rocco Rubini**, University of Chicago, USA  
"Thinking Autobiographically: De Sanctis, Croce, Gramsci"  
**Saša Hrnjez**, Università di Padova, Italy  
"Translatability, Theory, and Praxis in the Thought of Antonio Gramsci"  
Moderator: **Pierre Lamarche**, Utah Valley University, USA
- 10:20-10:30 Break
- 10:30-12:30 SESSION III
- Panel A: Corporality, Materiality, Reality** (Room 301)  
Presenters: **Stefano Santasilia**, Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, Mexico  
"Think About Corporality: Italian Thought between Phenomenology and Philosophy of the Body"  
**Lia Turtas**, Cornell University, USA  
"A Desecrating and Materialistic Totality: The Influence of Pasolini's Realism on Italian Thought"  
**Rita Šerpytytė**, Vilnius University, Lithuania  
"On the Plasticity of Reality: From Malabou to Agamben"  
Moderator: **Francesca Canadé Sautman**, Hunter College, USA
- Panel B: Roberto Esposito and the Contemporary Debate: Europe, Ecology, Community** (Room 201)  
Presenters: **Rita Fulco**, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy  
"Roberto Esposito: Europe and 'Instituent' Thought"  
**Paolo Missiroli**, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy  
"Agamben and Esposito in the Anthropocene: A Reflection on the Concept of *Inoperoso*"  
**Andrea Di Gesu**, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy  
"*Parrhesia*, *Communitas*, and *Immunitas*: Re-Reading Foucault with Esposito"  
Moderator: **Timothy Campbell**, Cornell University, USA
- Panel C: Thinking Giambattista Vico** (Room 101)  
Presenters: **Robert P. Crease**, Stony Brook University, USA  
"A Vichian *New Atlantis*"  
**Ariana Ragusa**, Independent Scholar, USA  
"Tasting *Vino* with Vico: Full-Bodied Language"  
**James Sares**, Stony Brook University, USA  
"What is 'Eternal' about History? Vico on Ideal Eternal History and the Problem of Interpretation"  
Moderator: **Gary Aylesworth**, Eastern Illinois University, USA
- 12:30-1:45 Lunch for Registered Participants
- 1:45-3:45 SESSION IV
- Panel A: Autonomy, Co-Research, Sovereignty: On Italian Workerism** (Room 301)  
Presenters: **Andrea Moresco**, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy  
"Appropriation and Constitution: The Workerist Interpretation of Spinoza in Italy"  
**Matteo Polleri**, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy  
"Co-Research Between Phenomenology and Subjectivation"  
**Elia Zaru**, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy  
"Sovereignty and Imperialism: Luciano Ferrari Bravo's Contribution to Workerist Marxism and its Developments"  
Moderator: **Pierre Lamarche**, Utah Valley University, USA

- Panel B: Thinking Women: Cavarero, Melandri, Muraro** (Room 201)  
Presenters: **Elisabetta Bertolino**, Università di Palermo, Italy  
"Speculating on the Voice and Objectification"  
**Silvia Benso**, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA  
"Affirmative Biopolitics: Life, Love, and Politics in Lea Melandri"  
**Elvira Roncalli**, Carroll College, USA  
"Luisa Muraro and the Symbolic Order of the Mother"  
Moderator: **Francesca Canadé Sautman**, Hunter College, USA
- Panel C: Which Subjectivity for Which Humanism? Cacciari, Sini, Esposito** (Room 101)  
Presenters: **Alessandro Carrera**, University of Houston  
"Rethinking Humanism: The Tragic Side of Humanistic Legacy in Massimo Cacciari's *La mente inquieta*"  
**Roberto Redaelli**, Universität Nürnberg-Erlangen, Germany  
"The Fate of the Subject in Carlo Sini's Thought of Practices"  
**Constanza Serratore**, Universidad Nacional San Martín, Argentina  
"Person" and "Subjectivity"  
Moderator: **Gary Aylesworth**, Eastern Illinois University, USA
- 3:45-4:15 Break
- 4:15-6:15 SESSION V
- Panel A: Property, Capitalism, and Power** (Room 301)  
Presenters: **Alexander Bertland**, Niagara University, USA  
"The Journey of Mercury: Giambattista Vico and Roberto Esposito on the Origin and End of Property"  
**Gaetano Chiurazzi**, Università di Torino, Italy  
"The Interruption of Mimesis: On Vattimo's Critique of Religion and Capitalism in the Light of the Mimetic Principle"  
**Travis W. Holloway**, SUNY Farmingdale, USA  
"Destituent Power: What It Can and Cannot Do"  
Moderator: **Ron Scapp**, College of Mount Saint Vincent, USA
- Panel B: On Pareyson and Vattimo** (Room 201)  
Presenters: **Antonio Calcagno**, Western University, Canada  
"Finite Transcendence: Luigi Pareyson, the Person, and the Limits of Being"  
**Alberto Martinengo**, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy  
"Italian Hermeneutics: Against or Beyond Hegel? Luigi Pareyson and Gianni Vattimo"  
**Robert T. Valgenti**, Lebanon Valley College, USA  
"The Thought of the Weak: *Pensiero Debole* and the Challenges of Populism"  
Moderator: **Rolando Pérez**, Hunter College, USA
- 7:30-10:00 Dinner for Registered Participants

### SATURDAY MARCH 30

- 8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast (Theater Lobby)
- 9:00-11:00 SESSION VI
- Panel A: Between Logic and Method: Leopardi, Croce, Calvino** (Lecture Hall 1)  
Presenters: **Angelica Nuzzo**, Brooklyn College, USA  
"Leopardi Beyond Spinoza: Hegel's Logic of Essence"  
**Elena Ficara**, Paderborn Universität, Germany  
"The Importance of Croce's Logical Thought"  
**Mary C. Rawlinson**, Stony Brook University, USA  
"Long Distances: Calvino on Travel as a Method of Thought"  
Moderator: **Allegra de Laurentiis**, Stony Brook University, USA
- Panel B: Thinking Politically with Agamben** (Lecture Hall 2)  
Presenters: **Adriano Bertolini**, Università della Calabria, Italy  
"The Other Self: Friendship in Agamben's *Homo Sacer*"  
**Steven DeCaroli**, Goucher College, USA  
"Diet: Agamben, Equity, and the Regime"  
**Daniel Marijanovic**, McMaster University, Canada  
"On Agamben's Political Thought: Inoperability as a Way of Life"  
Moderator: **Brian Schroeder**, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA
- 11:00-11:30 Break
- 11:30-1:00 **Keynote Lecture**, introduced by **Antonio Calcagno** (Lecture Hall 2)  
**"Philosophy and the Power of Truth"**  
**Franca D'Agostini**  
Università di Milano, Italy
- 1:00-1:15 Closing Remarks
- 1:15-2:30 Luncheon for Registered Participants
- 2:30 End of Conference



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