CALL FOR PAPERS

NEW ITALIAN THOUGHT:
CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES

International Conference at the Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy, King’s University College and The Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism, Western University

Invited Speakers

FRANCO ‘BIFO’ BERARDI (Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milan)
ELENA PULCINI (University of Florence)
REMO BODEI (UCLA/Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)

March 24–26, 2017
King’s University College, Western University (London, Canada)

Over the past two decades or so, Italy has experienced a veritable explosion of growth of new and innovative philosophical ideas. Antonio Negri describes this body of emergent philosophies as a radical critique and rethinking of our contemporary social and political world. Undoubtedly, the global economic crisis of 2008 was one of the major catalysts behind this new philosophical impetus, but one must also consider the force of the ascendancy of new forms of globalized-economic rule that are no longer connected to the political wills of their respective electorates, growing border-shifting migrations, vast environmental change, war, disease, and famine. The presence and discussion of new philosophical ideas and approaches can be viewed as responding to the massive changes we are currently undergoing.

The new wave of Italian thought, with its innovations and originality, is the focus of an international conference to be held at The Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy (CAREP) at King’s University College and at The Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism at Western University, Canada. The goal of the conference is to bring together scholars and researchers to discuss and critically evaluate the new ideas and theories being developed within contemporary Italian thinking. We invite papers on themes and questions taken up by thinkers like (but not limited to): Roberto Esposito, Giorgio Agamben, Antonio Negri, Adriana Cavarero, Lea Melandri, Luisa Muraro, Franco ‘Bifo’ Berardi, Ugo Perone, Emanuele Severino, Paolo Virno, Massimo Cacciari, Luigi Pareyson, Remo Bodei, Carla Lonzi, Gianni Vattimo, Maurizio Ferraris, Vincenzo Vitiello, and Mario Perniola.

We also invite papers that look at figures in the history of philosophy (including, for example, Hegel, Marx, Vico, Machiavelli, Gramsci, Croce and Gentile) especially as they are taken up by contemporary Italian thinkers. Themes to be addressed include but are not limited to: life and biopolitics, geopolitics, aesthetics, ethics, politics, ontology, literature, science, history, psychology, religion, culture, and economics.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be sent to: Antonio Calcagno (acalcagn@uwo.ca) and Silvia Benso (silvia.benso@rit.edu) by January 3, 2017.

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