FRIDAY MARCH 24, 2017

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm: Registration
Darryl J. King Student Life Centre (The entire conference will be in this venue)
King’s University College

4:30 pm: Welcome and introductions

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm: OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Kenny Theatre)

Introduced by Dr. Jan Plug, Director of the Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism (Western University)

Franco “Bifo” Berardi

“The Year 1977 in the Italian Social and Philosophical Context”

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm: RECEPTION (Garron Family Lounge)

Official launch of the Society for Italian Philosophy (SIP)
SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2017

8 am – 8:55 am: Registration (by Kenny Theatre) and Breakfast (Killan Lounge, Lower Level)

Session 1:
9:00 am – 10:20 am

Section A (KC 004)
Speaker: Corrado Claverini (Università di Milano)
“Tradition and Globalisation: From the Idealistic Historiography to the New Italian Thought”

Speaker: Sophia Catalano (Università di Trento)
“Will Historiography Build a ‘Soul’ for Europe? Roberto Esposito’s Hidden Historiography Compared with Bertrando Spaventa’s Theory of the ‘Circulation of Italian Thought’”

Moderator: Kathryn Lawson

Section B (KC 005)
Speaker: Elvira Roncalli (Carroll College)
“To be Inclined, Heard and Seen: Cavarero and Arendt on the Self”

Speaker: Mirko Alagna (Università di Milano-Bicocca)
“Every Concept Must Be Plural! Institutions and Subjectification Processes in Italian Political Thought”

Moderator: Rachel Bath

Section C (KC 006)
Speaker: Bilgesu Sisman (DePaul University)
“Horrorism in the Light of Necropolitics”

Speaker: Ido Govrin (Western University)
“Paradisiacal Knowledge (or Falling from the Epistemological Constellation)”

Moderator: Thomas Szwedska

10:20 am – 10:30 am: Coffee Break (Killan Lounge)
Session 2:
10:30 am – 11:50 am

Section A (KC 004)
Speaker: Jeremy Arnott (Western University)
“Agamben, Benjamin and the Poverty of ‘Experience’”

Speaker: Vladimir Cristache (Western University)
“The Linguistic (K)not of Italian Theory: Cacciari with Agamben”

Moderator: Kathryn Lawson

Section B (KC 005)
Speaker: Paul Colilli (Laurentian University)
“Agamben and Angelology”

Speaker: Jonathan Schmidt-Dominé (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität)
“History of the ‘Impure Deed’: Gramsci and Historicism”

Moderator: Gyöngyi Hegedus

Section C (KC 006)
Speaker: Gaetano Chiurazzi (Università di Torino)
“Reality and Possibility: The Reasons of Kant”

Speaker: Rita Serpytyte (University of Vilnius)
“On the Question of the Face of Reality: Addressing the ‘Myths’ of New Realism and Postmodernism”

Moderator: Claudia Clausius
11:55 am – 1:10 pm: KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Kenny Theatre)

Elena Pulcini (Università di Firenze)

“A Philosophy for a Living World: The Role of the Passions”
Introduced and presented by Dr. Silvia Benso (Rochester Institute of Technology)

1:10 pm – 2:10 pm: Lunch (Garron Family Lounge)

Session 3:
2:15 pm – 3:35 pm

Section A (KC 004)
Speaker: Michael E. Gardiner (Western University)
“Marcuse in Italy”

Speaker: Diane Enns (McMaster University)
“When Breathing Becomes Difficult: Bifo on Alienation”

Moderator: Anisha Datta

Section B (KC 005)
Speaker: Amanda Jane Recupero (Cornell University)
“An Attitude towards Life and Death: The Cynic Form of Life for Foucault and Forti”

Speaker: Alberto L. Siani (Università di Pisa)
“Aesthetic Offence: Umberto Eco and Gillo Dorfles on the Dialectic of Bad Taste”

Moderator: Cristina Caracchini

Section C (KC 006)
Speaker: Adriana Monti (Filmmaker and Producer)
“Searching through our Images: Locked between Selfies, Sexuality and the Symbolic”

Speaker: Paola Melchiori (Women’s Free University, Milan/Oslo)
“150 Hours (150 Ore) and the Possibility of a New Consciousness and Female Subject”

Moderator: Rachel Bath
**Session 4:**
3:40 pm – 5:00 pm

**Section A (KC 004)**

Speaker: Juniper Alcorn (The New School for Social Research)  
“Is Pregnancy Biopolitical?”

Speaker: Anna Mirzayan (Western University)  
“The Strangest Stranger: The Case for Xenogenesis in Esposito's *Immunitas*”

Moderator: Thomas Szwedska

**Section B (KC 005)**

Speaker: David Guignion (Western University)  
“From Vaccines to Immunity: The Missing Element or, A Tale of Two Robertos”

Speaker: Alessandra Montalbano (University of Alabama)  
“Embodied Theory: Biopolitics and Vulnerability in New Italian Thought”

Moderator: Cristina Caracchini

**Section C (KC 006)**

Speaker: Julian Jason Haladyn (OCAD University)  
“The Aesthetics of (Non)Debt: Maurizio Lazzarato and Marcel Duchamp”

Speaker: Andrew Case (Western University)  
“How Past and Future Present Themselves in Ugo Perone’s *The Possible Present*: A Critical Deconstruction”

Moderator: Jonathan Geen

5:00 pm – 5:15 pm: Coffee Break (Killan Lounge)
Session 5:
5:15 pm – 6:35 pm

Section A (KC 004)

Speaker: Andrea Lanza (University of Toronto)
“Beyond the Revolution: Franco Berardi and the Politics with no Final Unity”

Speaker: Kaveh Boveiri (Université de Montréal)
“Antonio Negri’s Standpoint on Marx’s Methodology in Marx Beyond Marx”

Moderator: Gyöngyi Hegedus

Section B (KC 005)

Speaker: Tilottama Rajan (University of Western Ontario)
“Biology and Philosophy: Esposito, Hegel, and Bichat”

Speaker: Greg Bird (Wilfrid Laurier University)
“Addressing the Politics of Biopolitics in Contemporary Italian Thought”

Moderator: Jonathan Geen

SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2017

8 am – 8:55 am: Registration (by Kenny Theatre) and Breakfast (Killan Lounge)

Session 6:
9:00 am – 10:20 am

Section A (KC 004)

Speaker: Jonathan Short (York University)
“Esposito’s ‘Affirmative Biopolitics’ and the Politics of the Common”

Speaker: Stijn De Cauwer (University of Leuven)
“Respond or Implode: Roberto Esposito and Antonio Negri on Protest and the Common”

Moderator: Allyson Larkin
Section B (KC 005)
Speaker: Abdullah Başaran (Stony Brook University)
“The Postmodern Return of Religion and Its Consequences: On the Later Vattimo”

Speaker: Peter Carravetta (Stony Brook University)
“Dante as Philosopher of the Polis: Free Will and the Public Sphere”

Moderator: Rashad Rehman

10:20 am – 10:30 am: Coffee Break (Killan Lounge)

Session 7:
10:30 am – 11:50 am

Section A (KC 004)
Speaker: Victoria I. Burke (University of Guelph)
“Hegel's Person, Agamben's Zoe, and the Existence of the Child”

Speaker: Alexander Bertland (Niagara University)
“Giambattista Vico on Multitudes and the End of Heroism”

Moderator: Helen Fielding

Section B (KC 005)
Speaker: Silvia Benso (Rochester Institute of Technology)
“The Alchemist’s Lab: Considerations on Italian Philosophy”

Speaker: Pietro Pirani (Western University)
“On the Katechon: Agamben, Esposito, and the Power that Withholds”

Moderator: Rashad Rehman
11:55 am – 1:25 pm: CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Kenny Theatre)

Remo Bodei (UCLA)

“Critique of Impure Reason: Features of Italian Thought”

Introduced and presented by Dr. Silvia Benso (Rochester Institute of Technology)

1:25 – 2:30 pm: Lunch (Garron Family Lounge)
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