



# SIP: Society for Italian Philosophy

## Second Annual International Conference

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### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

1:30-2:30 Meet and greet/Registration

2:30-4:30 *INVITED SESSION*

Panel: **The Philosophy of Luigi Pareyson: A Centennial Celebration**

Presenters: Rita Šerpytytė (Vilnius University, Lithuania)  
“*Ohne Warum*: ‘The Fundamental Question’ and *Reality* in Pareyson”  
Gaetano Chiurazzi (Università di Torino, Italy)  
“On Formativity: Art as *Praxis*”  
Robert T. Valgenti (Lebanon Valley College, USA)  
“Improvisation and Interpretation”

Moderator: Brian Schroeder (Rochester Institute of Technology, USA)

4:30-5:00 Break

5:00-5:15 Institutional Welcome: Silvia Benso, SIP Co-Director; Jamie Winebrake, RIT CLA Dean; and Brian Schroeder, RIT Department of Philosophy Chair

5:15- 6:30 **KEYNOTE LECTURE** (free and open to the public)

“Towards an Ethos of Freedom: Thinking Power and Resistance”

**Simona Forti** (Università del Piemonte Orientale, Vercelli, Italy)

6:30-8:30 Reception/Dinner (on site)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

9:00-10:20 *SESSION I*

Panel: **Life, the Obligation of the Good, and the Law**

Presenters: Steven DeCaroli (Goucher College, USA)  
“Law’s Other Exception: Giorgio Agamben and Equity”  
Antonio Calcagno (King’s University College, Canada)  
“Repositioning Simone Weil and Roberto Esposito: Life, the Impersonal, and the Renunciant Obligation of the Good”

Moderator: Timothy Campbell (Cornell University, USA)

10:20-10:45 Break

10:45-12:45 *SESSION II*

Panel A: **Machiavelli’s *Polis* and Its More Recent Interpretations**

Presenters: Peter Carravetta (Stony Brook University, USA)  
“Discourse, Will, and Freedom in Machiavelli’s Conception of the *polis*”  
Anna Di Bello (Università di Napoli “L’Orientale” and Università di Trento, Italy)  
“The Origins of the Modern State: Machiavelli, Machiavellism, and Anti-Machiavellism in Antonio Gramsci’s Thought”  
Constanza Serratore (National University of San Martín and Center for Philosophical Research, Argentina)  
“Italian Thought: Esposito’s Machiavelli and Politics as Subject”

Moderator: Joseph Fornieri (Rochester Institute of Technology, USA)

Panel B: **Identity, Solidarity, and the Public Sphere**

Presenters: Ariana Ragusa (Independent Scholar, USA)  
“Reading the *New Science* as a Lover’s Duet: Pleasure, Storytelling, and Identity in Cavarero and Vico”  
Diane Enns (McMaster University, Canada)  
“Franco Berardi on the Conditions of Solidarity”  
Andrew Woods (University of Western Ontario, Canada)  
“Moving Beyond the Empathy Deficit: Negation, Recognition, and the Public Sphere in Paolo Virno”

Moderator: Berndt Clavier (Malmö University, Sweden)

12:45-2:00 Lunch for registered participants (on site)

2:00-4:00 *INVITED SESSION*

Panel: **Critical Perspectives on Adriana Cavarero’s *Inclinations***

Presenters: Fanny Söderbäck (DePaul University, USA)  
“Maternal Inclinations: Birth, Vulnerability, Power”  
Elvira Roncalli (Carroll College, USA)  
“Cavarero on Bending the Subject: Is Recognition Overlooked?”  
Peg Birmingham (DePaul University, USA)  
“Vulnerability and the Primacy of Voice: Cavarero on Arendt’s ‘Glad Tidings’”

Moderator: Adam Rosen-Carole (Rochester Institute of Technology, USA)

4:00-4:30 Break

4:30- 6:30 *SESSION III*

Panel A: **Religion, Salvation, and Convalescence**

Presenters: Paolo Bettineschi (Università di Venezia and Università di Padova, Italy)  
“The Meaning of Religion in Giovanni Gentile’s Actualism”  
Daniel Ambord (Claremont Graduate University, USA)  
“Individual, Community, and Salvation: Reflections on Pareyson’s Tragic Hermeneutic Personalism”  
Abdullah Basaran (Stony Brook University, USA)  
“In Pursuit of Religion as Convalescence: Vattimo and the Postmodern Literature”

Moderator: Scott Campbell (Nazareth College, USA)

Panel B: **Bios, Politics, and Resistance: Contemporary Italian Philosophy and the “Outside”**

Presenters: Andrea Di Gesu (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy)  
“Agamben as a Reader of Wittgenstein: From Irreparable to Forms of Life”  
Elia Zaru (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy)  
“Theory and Practice: The Issue of Politics between Negri, the Frankfurt School, and Laclau”  
Paolo Missiroli (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy)  
“Pulcinella and Diogenes: Two Forms of Life”

Moderator: Amanda Recupero (Cornell University, USA)

7:00 Dinner for registered participants (off-campus)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

9:00-11:00 *SESSION IV*

Panel A: **History, Colonization, and Evil**

Presenters: Osman Nemli (Vassar College, USA)  
“Gramsci, History, and the World Historical Philosophers”  
Alexander Bertland (Niagara University, USA)  
“Colonialism and the Investigation of Poetic Wisdom by Giambattista Vico”  
Simone Ghelli (Università di Pavia, Italy)  
“The Normality of Evil: Primo Levi’s Thought Between Necessity and Seduction”

Moderator: Giovanna Potestà (Rochester Institute of Technology, USA)

Panel B: **Challenging the Canon**

Presenters: Luca Bagetto (Università di Pavia, Italy)  
“A Gnostic Double King’s Body? The Question of the Interruption of the Power’s Paradigm in Eric Santner and Roberto Esposito”  
Alessandro Carrera (University of Houston, USA)  
“Rocco Ronchi’s *Canone minore* or the Challenge of Positive Thinking”  
Erik Vogt (Trinity College, USA and University of Vienna, Austria)  
“Questioning the Anti-Aesthetic Consensus: Mario Perniola and Jacques Rancière”

Moderator: Stefano Giannini (Syracuse University, USA)

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-12:45 **KEYNOTE LECTURE** (free and open to the public)

“Is There a Future in/for Hermeneutics?”

**Gianni Vattimo** (Università di Torino, Italy)

12:45-2:00 Lunch for registered participants (on site)

For conference registration (required by March 5), please go to:  
<https://www.societyforitalianphilosophy.org/current-meeting/>

All events will take place in the Max Lowenthal Building (Bldg, 12) on the RIT campus.

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