



**THE INTERNATIONAL MACHIAVELLI SOCIETY  
First Conference (Rome, 13-16 December 2023)**

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**WEDNESDAY, 12/13/2023**

**SALA DELLA PROMOTECA, CAMPIDOGLIO**

9:00-12:00 Opening Session at the Campidoglio

Francesco Erspamer (Harvard), Roberto Esposito (*Emeritus*, Scuola Normale Superiore), Carlo Galli (*Emeritus*, Università di Bologna), Marco Geuna (Milano “Statale”); *chair*: Giacomo Marramao (*Emeritus*, Roma Tre)

Institutional Addresses

14:00-15:00: Welcome

15:00-15:30 Institutional Addresses

15:30-16:45 Book Discussion 1 PHILOSOPHICAL INTERPRETATIONS OF MACHIAVELLI

Alissa M. Ardito (Yale), Filippo Del Lucchese (Bologna); *chair*: Yannis Evrigenis (Claremont McKenna College)

15 minute break

17:00-18:15 Book Discussion 2 AGAINST CONCORD: MACHIAVELLI’S CONFLICTUALIST THEORY

Jérémie Barthas (CNRS, IHMC, Paris), Camila Vergara (Essex), Yves Winter (McGill); *chair*: Gabriele Pedullà (Roma Tre)

**THURSDAY, 12/14/2023**

**Università degli Studi Roma Tre - Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici (Via Ostiense, 234)**

8:30-9:45 Book Discussion 3 MACHIAVELLI'S LEGACY I

Gianfranco Borrelli (*Emeritus*, Napoli "Federico II"), Maria Cristina Figorilli (Università della Calabria, Cosenza), Alessandro Arienzo (Napoli "Federico II"); *chair*: Luca Scuccimarra (Roma "La Sapienza")

15 minute break

10:00-11:30 Book Discussion 4 MACHIAVELLI'S LEGACY II

Vittorio Morfino (Milano "Bicocca"), Piero Innocenti (formerly Università della Tuscia, Viterbo), Giuseppe Sciara (Bologna); *chair*: Andrea Robiglio (Leuven)

15 minute break

11:45-13:00 Plenary Lectures 1

Maurizio Viroli (*Emeritus*, Princeton), Cornel Zwierlein (Bochum); *chair*: Mario De Caro (Roma Tre)

14:00-15:15 Panels 1 (please see below)

15:15-16:30 Panels 2 (please see below)

15 minute break

16:45-18:00 Book Discussion 5 MACHIAVELLI'S NEW CANON

Daniele Conti (Istituto Nazionale di Studi sul Rinascimento, Firenze), Pasquale Stoppelli (formerly Roma "La Sapienza"); *chair*: Giulio Ferroni (*Emeritus*, Roma "La Sapienza")

15 minute break

18:15-19:30 Plenary Lectures 2

Nadia Urbinati (Columbia), John McCormick (Chicago); *chair*: Judith Frömmer (Vienna)

**FRIDAY, 12/15/2023**

**Università degli Studi Roma Tre - Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici (Via Ostiense, 234)**

8:30-9:45 Book Discussion 6 A NEGLECTED MASTERWORK: THE FLORENTINE HISTORIES

Michelle Clarke (Dartmouth), Mark Jurdjevic (York), Fabio Raimondi (Udine); *chair*: Carlo Varotti (Parma)

15 minute break

10:00-11:15 Book Discussion 7 READING MACHIAVELLI 1

Marta Celati (Pisa), Andrea Guidi (Bologna), Francesco Marchesi (Pisa); *chair*: Romain Descendre (ENS Lyon)

15 minute break

11:30-12:45 Plenary Lectures 3

Alessandro Campi (Perugia), Jean-Louis Fournel (Paris 8); *chair*: Emanuele Cutinelli-Rendina (Strasbourg)

14:00-15:15 Panels 3 (please see below)

15:15-16:30 Panels 4 (please see below)

15 minute break

16:45-17:30 International Machiavelli Society Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation and Talk  
Yannis Evrigenis (Claremont McKenna College) presents Harvey Mansfield (*Emeritus*, Harvard)

17:30-18:30 Meeting of the members of the International Machiavelli Society

20:00 Dinner for the members of the International Machiavelli Society

### **12/16/2023 SATURDAY**

**Università degli Studi Roma Tre - Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici (Via Ostiense, 234)**

8.30-9:45 Book Discussion 8 READING MACHIAVELLI 2

Sandro Landi (Bordeaux), Carlo Taviani (Teramo), Andrea Salvo Rossi (Napoli); *chair*: Sean Erwin (Barry)

15 minute break

10:00-11:15 Book Discussion 9 HOW SHOULD WE WRITE MACHIAVELLI'S LIFE?

Christopher Celenza (John Hopkins), Alexander Lee (Warwick), Jean-Claude Zancarini (*Emeritus*, ENS Lyon); *chair*: Alessandro Ferrara (Roma "Tor Vergata")

15 minute break

11:30-13:00 Plenary Lectures 4

Gaetano Lettieri (Roma "La Sapienza"), Giovanni Giorgini (Bologna); *chair*: Guido Cappelli (Napoli "L'Orientale")

13:00-13:15 Farewell Address

## PANELS

### ROOM A: THE OTHER MACHIAVELLI

#### 1. Machiavelli and Historiography (12/14, 14:00-15:15)

“Machiavelli, universal history, and perennial philosophy”  
Gabor Almasi, University of Innsbruck

“Il Dibattito inefficace” nelle *Istorie fiorentine* di Machiavelli  
Kazutaka Muraki, University of Tokyo

“La tirannide del Duca d’Atene nelle *Istorie fiorentine*, tra storiografia e mito politico”  
Valentina Serio, Università di Pisa

#### 2. Comedy, letters, literary works (12/14, 15:15-16:30)

“The New Prince and the People in Machiavelli’s Comedies”  
Yufei Zhao, Boston College

“*Mandragola*, (Homo)Sexuality and Princely Virtue”  
Davorin Zagar, Adolfo Ibáñez University

“Prudence and Virtue in Machiavelli’s Administrative Letters”  
Andrea Polegato, California State University

#### 3. Machiavelli and poetry during the Italian Wars (12/15, 14:00-15:15)

“Collocare i *Capitoli* nel laboratorio machiavelliano: Tre esempi dal *De Ambitione*”  
Claudia Antonini, Columbia University

“Storia e leggenda di Cesare Borgia: Machiavelli e i poemetti bellici in ottava rima”  
Anna Carocci, Università degli Studi Roma Tre

“Machiavelli e la letteratura storico-politica di carattere ‘popolareggiante’”  
Andrea Talarico, Università di Firenze

#### 4. Machiavelli on War. (12/15, 15:15-16:30)

“Machiavelli’s *Art of War*”  
Katherine Robiadek, Xavier University

“Le traduzioni europee dell’*Arte della guerra* e la creazione di un sapere politico-militare”

Giacomo Sanavia, Université Paris8-Università degli Studi di Padova

## **ROOM B: MACHIAVELLI'S RECEPTION I**

### **1. Machiavelli in Guicciardini and Giannotti (12/14, 14:00-15:15)**

“Machiavelli's Constitutional Writings and Guicciardini's *Dialogue*: a New Interpretation”  
Gio' Maria Tessarolo, University of California - Berkeley

“Machiavelli, Giannotti and the mixed republic model”  
Francesca Russo

### **2. Machiavelli in Renaissance Italy (12/14, 15:15-16:30)**

“Democracy and Empire in *The Discourse on Livy*”  
Max Smith, University of Chicago

“L'antimachiavellismo nel primo Botero: *in Nicolaum Macchiavellum digressio*”  
Chiara Silvagni

“Machiavelli e Vico: ritorno all'origine”  
Gennaro Maria Barbuto

### **3. Machiavelli in the Netherlands (12/15, 14:00-15:15)**

“Before Lipsius: Varieties of (anti) machiavellism in the early Dutch Revolt”  
Alberto Clerici, Università Niccolò Cusano

“Ubi Leonina pellis non pertingit, oportet Vulpinam assuere: Giusto Lipsio lettore e interprete di Machiavelli”  
Tiziana Provedera, University College London,

### **4. Machiavelli in Central Europe (12/15, 15:15-16:30)**

“Intorno al carteggio di Cartesio con Elisabetta del Palatinato sul *Principe* di Machiavelli”  
Simona Langella, Università degli Studi di Genova

“Fiat iustitia, pereat Germania. Il Machiavelli tedesco, il Fiorentino, e la fine dell'Impero”  
Valerio Aparo, ENS Lyon

“*Machiavellus sine Machiavello*”  
Nicola Di Cosmo & Giorgia Lauri

## **ROOM C: MACHIAVELLI'S RECEPTION II**

### **1. Machiavelli in Renaissance France (12/14, 14:00-15:15)**

“Machiavelli's Thoughts on the Monarchical Form of Government”

Carlos E. Pérez Crespo, University of Hamburg

“Two Faces of Humanism: Machiavelli and Montaigne”

David Polansky

“«*Antimachiavéliste d'intention... machiavéliste qui s'ignore*». Reading Machiavelli in Jean Bodin's *Six Livres de la République* and *De Republica libri sex*”

Anna Di Bello, Suor Orsola Benincasa Napoli

### **2. Machiavelli between Italy and England (12/14, 15:15-16:30)**

“Directing the body politics? On Machiavelli and Castiglione's use of embodiment”

Lucia Delaini, Northwestern University

“Machiavelli e Alberico Gentili, un'eredità nascosta tra parallelismi e pensiero politico”

Stefano Colavecchia, Università degli studi del Molise

“Monarchy and Machiavelli: The translation of the *Discourses* and *The Prince* in seventeenth-century England”

Charlotte McCallum, Queen Mary, University of London

### **3. Machiavelli in Modern Italian Literature (12/15, 14:00-15:15)**

“Machiavelli in Leopardi”

Gianluca Sadun Bordoni, Università di Teramo

“La ricezione di Machiavelli durante la transizione dall'idealismo risorgimentale al positivismo”

Marco Borrelli, Università Degli Studi di Napoli “L'Orientale”

“Machiavelli, Gadda e l'ironia”

Corrado Confalonieri, University of Salento

### **4. Machiavelli and China (12/15, 15:15-16:30)**

“Qin Dynasty's destruction and the perspectives of The Prince Book IV”

Han Chao & Sheng Zhe, Tongji University

“Political virtue and communal values: similarities and differences between Machiavelli and Chinese Philosophy”

BAI Jianxing, Fudan University

“Reexamining Machiavelli’s Concept of Virtue”

Jia Xin Li/Veronica

## **ROOM D: MACHIAVELLI ON BELIEVING AND DECEIVING**

### **1. Machiavelli’s Dialogue with the Past (12/14, 14:00-15:15)**

“Machiavelli, Xenophon and the education of the good statesman”

Alina Scudieri, Università di Bologna

“Did Machiavelli Know Augustine?”

Colleen Mitchell, Villanova University

“On Machiavelli’s shoulders: some considerations on the role of history in Niccolò Machiavelli’s political reasoning”

Augusto Dolfo

### **2. Machiavelli’s Theology (12/14, 15:15-16:30)**

“Theodicy in Machiavelli’s Thought: Salvation from “Human Misery” and the Role of Politics”

Yuki Yokoo, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University

“E chi legge la Bibbia sensatamente: Machiavelli on Exodus 32”

Hugo Tavera Villegas, ITESM Monterey

“Machiavelli’s An Exhortation to Penitence: A Reeducation for the Florentine People”

Rebecca McCumbers Flavin, Baylor University

### **3. Machiavelli’s Vision and Spectacle**

“On the role of perspective in Machiavelli’s *The Prince*”

Jan Bíba, Charles University Prague

“Machiavelli’s representation concepts”

Miguel Fernández de la Peña, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

### **4. Machiavelli, Savonarola, and Religion (12/15, 15:15-16:30)**

“Un termometro della crisi: Machiavelli osservatore di Savonarola”

Francesco Patrone, Università degli Studi di Perugia – Université Catholique de Lyon

“Rethinking Machiavelli’s Civic Religion”

Daniel Kapust and Timothy Tennyson, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **ROOM E: MACHIAVELLI'S POLITICS**

### **1. Machiavelli and the Prince (12/14, 14:00-15:15)**

“The People’s Prince: Machiavelli and Populist Statesmanship”  
Mathis Bitton, Yale University

“Machiavelli and the Aristotelian Tradition on the Wisdom of the Many”  
Alessandro Mulieri, University of Pennsylvania/Università di Venezia

“The double deception of tyranny with popular support in Machiavelli”  
Fernanda Elias

### **2. The *Discourses on Livy* (12/14, 15:15-16:30)**

“Per una nuova edizione dei *Discorsi sopra la prima deca di Tito Livio*”  
Martina Cita and Paolo Trovato, Università di Ferrara

Machiavelli against Sovereignty: the case of the Decemvirate  
Eero Arum, UC Berkeley

Machiavelli’s essential virtues of the *vita civile*  
Fiorella Battaglia, University of Salento, Lecce and Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich,

### **3. Society, Economy, and State in Machiavelli’s Political Thought**

CHAIR: Adam Woodhouse, University of Cambridge

“The state of nature and the nature of the state in Machiavelli’s *Discourses*”  
Jeff Dymond, Universität Zürich

“Liberality and fiscal governance in Machiavelli’s *The Prince*”  
Giorgio Lizzul, Univeristy of Warwick

“Machiavelli and the “Machiavellians”: Machiavelli, the Elite Tradition, and the critique of plutocracy”  
Natasha Piano, UCLA

### **4. Machiavelli’s Political Wisdom (12/15, 15:15-16:30)**

“Arte dello stato”  
Nedžib Prašević, University of Priština, Kosovska Mitrovica

“Nobility in the Thought of Machiavelli”  
Hilay Zmora, Ben Gurion University of the Negev



“Institutional and Extra-institutional conflicts in Machiavelli’s *Discourses*”  
Piao Mao, University of Southampton

## **ROOM F:**

### **1. Machiavelli’s Passions (12/14, 14:00-15:15)**

“The role of passions in Machiavelli’s republican thought”  
Christiane Cardoso Ferreira, University of São Paulo

“Machiavelli: Animality and Republic”  
Gonzalo Bustamente Kuschel

“«The Greatest Master There Is»: The Roles of Fear in Niccolò Machiavelli’s *The Prince*”  
Alessio Panichi

### **2. Machiavelli’s Natural Philosophy (12/14, 15:15-16:30)**

“Nature and Politics: Machiavelli’s Early Constitutionalism”  
David Rasmussen

“Machiavellian Democracy against Republicanism: in the Light of Machiavelli’s Philosophy of Life”  
Francesco Maiolo, Università Roma Tre

“Humors, incommensurability and heavenly motions: the overlooked Medieval Machiavelli”  
Nicole Hochner, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **3. Machiavelli and Contemporary Theory**

“Centaur and Multitude: Machiavelli and the Italian philosophical and political debate in recent decades”  
Dario Gentili, Università Roma Tre

“Machiavelli and the Italian Thought”  
Corrado Claverini, Università del Salento

“Brexit: In advance of the June 2016 referendum, what would Machiavelli have advised the British Public to do?”  
Michael Sanfey, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (Florence)

### **4. Machiavelli Today (12/15, 15:15-16:30)**

“Machiavelli e Carl Schmitt: la balia come stato di eccezione”  
Finlay Darlington-Bell, Harvard University

“Democrazia e volontà generale nazionale nel pensiero di Niccolò Machiavelli e Carl Schmitt”  
Orazio Gnerre

“Il Segretario fiorentino alla luce dei digital studies: un laboratorio di scrittura politica”  
Corinne Manchio, Université Paris 8



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