Body and Soul Politics: from Dante to Machiavelli

The *Dante Society of America* and the *International Machiavelli Society* invite proposals for a co-sponsored session—or sessions—on the theme of *Body & Soul Politics: from Dante to Machiavelli* at the RSA, San Francisco, 2026.

This session forms part of a broader conversation hosted by the DSA exploring the political dimensions of pre-modern philosophical and theological conceptions of the human being as a composite of body and soul.

Of particular interest are contributions that consider how such entanglements shape political eschatology—the politics of endings, of time running out, and of last things. Submissions that reflect on the role the work of Averröes plays in shaping conversations of these themes are of special interest. Papers may focus on Dante, Machiavelli, or both.

Please be sure to consult the RSA's submission guidelines before submitting your proposal at this link:

RSA 2026 Body and Soul Politics

RSA 2026 Submission Guidelines:

- Proposals may be for individual presentations or full panels.
- Presentation abstracts should not exceed 200 words.
- Presentation titles should be less than 15 words.
- Panel abstracts should not exceed 300 words.
- Individual presentations should be no longer than 20 minutes.
- Link to c.v. (preferred) or c.v. as a Word doc.

For questions please do not hesitate to contact either Sean Erwin (Serwin@barry.edu) or Filippo Gianferrari (fgianfer@ucsc.edu).

To submit a proposal for consideration, please complete the online proposal form by **Friday, August 1st, 2025.**