



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

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**WEDNESDAY, 12/13/2023**

**Sala della Protomoteca, Campidoglio**

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

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

14:30-15:30: Welcome

15:30-16:45 Book Discussion 1 MACHIAVELLI’S INSTITUTIONS

Alissa M. Ardito (Yale), Jérémie Barthas (CNRS, IHMC, Paris); *chair*: Ioannis Evrigenis (Claremont McKenna College)

15 minute break

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

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

Mark Jurdjevic (York), Fabio Raimondi (Trieste); *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  
Ioannis 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

**SATURDAY, 12/16/2023**

**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

### 1) THE OTHER MACHIAVELLI AULA MAGNA

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

CHAIR: Anna Carocci (Università di Roma Tre)

“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 (Thursday 12/14, 15:15-16:30)

CHAIR: Anna Carocci (Università di Roma Tre)

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

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

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

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

CHAIR: Judith Frömmer (University of Wien)

“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 (Friday 12/15, 15:15-16:30)**

CHAIR: Judith Frömmer (University of Wien)

“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

## **2) MACHIAVELLI’S RECEPTION I AULA 20 (ground floor)**

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

CHAIR: Jérémie Barthas (CNRS, IHMC, Paris)

“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, Suor Orsola Benincasa

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

CHAIR: Andrea Guidi (Università di Bologna)

“Democracy and Empire in *The Discourse on Livy*”

Max Smith, University of Chicago

“L’antimachiavellismo nel primo Botero: *in Nicolaum Macchiavellum digressio*”

Chiara Silvagni

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

CHAIR: Alessandro Mulieri (University of Pennsylvania/Università Ca’ Foscari, Venezia)

“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 Provieri, University College London

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

CHAIR: Arnaldo Marcone (Università degli Studi Roma Tre)

“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, Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo; ENS Lyon

“*Machiavellus sine Machiavello*”

Nicola Di Cosmo, IAS Princeton & Giorgia Lauri, Università di San Marino

### **3) MACHIAVELLI’S RECEPTION II AULA DEL CONSIGLIO DI FILOSOFIA (third floor)**

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

CHAIR: Jean Louis Fournel (Université Paris 8, Vincennes – Saint Denis)

“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 (Thursday 12/14, 15:15-16:30)**

CHAIR: Jean Louis Fournel (Université Paris 8, Vincennes – Saint Denis)

“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 (Friday 12/15, 14:00-15:15)**

CHAIR: Cristina Figorilli (Università della Calabria)

“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”

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

CHAIR: Cristina Figorilli (Università della Calabria)

“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

## **4) MACHIAVELLI ON BELIEVING AND DECEIVING AULA 2 ITALIANISTICA (second floor)**

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

CHAIR: Katherine Robiadek (Xavier University)

“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 (Thursday 12/14, 15:15-16:30)**

CHAIR: Katherine Robiadek (Xavier University)

“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 (Friday 12/15, 14:00-15:15)**

CHAIR: Giulio Azzolini (Università Ca’ Foscari, Venezia)

“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 (Friday 12/15, 15:15-16:30)**

CHAIR: Giulio Azzolini (Università Ca’ Foscari, Venezia)

“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

## **5) MACHIAVELLI’S POLITICS AULA “MATASSI” (ground floor)**

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

CHAIR: Paolo Ponzio (Università di Bari)

“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 Ca’ Foscari, Venezia

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

Fernanda Elias Zaccarelli Salgueiro



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

CHAIR: Paolo Ponzio (Università di Bari)

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 (Friday 12/15, 14:00-15:15)**

CHAIR: Adam Woodhouse (University of Cambridge)

"Greek Social Theory in Machiavelli's Florence"  
Jeff Dymond, Universität Zürich

"Machiavelli in Genova: the Historical Analysis of the Casa di San Giorgio"  
Giorgio Lizzul, University of Warwick

"'Savor the Good Government': Machiavelli and the Machiavellians on Political Realism"  
Natasha Piano, UCLA

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

CHAIR: Natasha Piano (UCLA)

"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

## **6) MACHIAVELLI'S PHILOSOPHY    **MULTIPLE LOCATIONS****

### **AULA 1 ITALIANISTICA (second floor)**

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

CHAIR: Dario Gentili (Università di Roma Tre)

"Machiavelli: Animality and Republic"  
Gonzalo Bustamente Kuschel

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

**AULA B (Foreign Literatures Building)**

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

CHAIR: Francesca Russo (Suor Orsola Benincasa)

“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

**AULA 26 (ground floor)**

**3. Machiavelli and Contemporary Theory (Friday 12/15, 14:00-15:15)**

CHAIR: Claudio Corradetti (Università di Roma Tor Vergata)

“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 Center for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (Florence)

**AULA 26 (ground floor)**

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

CHAIR: Claudio Corradetti (Università di Roma Tor Vergata)

“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, Università Paul Valéry Montpellier 3



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