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VULNERABLE BODIES

Concepts and Figures of Bodily Vulnerability in the Italian and European Traditions

08 - 12 February 2027
Novacella Abbey, Varna/Vahrn (BZ), Italy

The Winter School, promoted by UniTrento in partnership with ENS Lyon and KU Leuven, offers a one-week programme focused on the Italian traditions of thought in the enchanting setting of the Novacella Abbey, in South Tyrol.

Featuring lectures and panel discussions with international scholars, the school is open to Master's and PhD students as well as early-career researchers in philosophy, history, and literature.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME:

MONDAY 08.02

Welcome Session

3:15 - 4:00 pm Welcome and registration
4:00 pm Introduction
4:30 pm *Opening lecture:* ***Tomaso Montanari*** (Siena), *Il potere dei corpi. Caravaggio e Bernini*

Evening:
8:00 pm Meet the Speaker(s)

TUESDAY 09.02

Session 1, The Middle Ages

9-11:50 am ***TBC***, *Aquinas on Cruelty*
Alain Wijffels (KU Leuven), *Defining the Body and Gender Identity. Some Legal-Historical Background*

Afternoon:
2:00 pm Visit to the Abbey
4-5:45 pm Panel discussions with participants

Evening:
8:00 pm Meet the Speaker(s)

WEDNESDAY 10.02

Session 2, The Renaissance & Early Modern Period

9-11:50 am ***Fabio Frosini*** (Urbino), *Leonardo da Vinci*
Rafael Mandressi (Paris), ***TBC,*** *The Invention of the Body in Early Modern Anatomy*

Afternoon:
2:45-5:45 pm Panel discussions with participants

Evening:
8:00 pm Meet the Speaker(s)

THURSDAY 11.02

Session 3, The Modern Period

9-11:50 am ***Philippe Audegean*** (Sorbonne Université Paris), *La tortura in Beccaria*
Céline Frigau-Manning (Lyon 3), ***TBC,*** *Il teatro dei corpi*

Afternoon:
2:45-5:45 pm Panel discussions with participants

Evening:
8:00 pm Meet the Speaker(s)

FRIDAY 12.02

Session 4, The Contemporary Period

9-11:50 am ***Olivia Guaraldo*** (Verona), *Letture femministe e femminili del corpo*
Robert Gordon (Cambridge),***TBC,*** *Pier Paolo Pasolini*

12:00 am Closing Lunch

FOR MORE INFORMATION
applications, fees, and opportunities for fee waivers and free participation, scan the QR code

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THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOW OPEN!
DEADLINE: 20.10.2026

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