

PsyHuman “Psychology and the Humanities” International School

5th edition

From tension to transformation:

narrative and participatory approaches to interpersonal, ideological and socio-cultural clashes

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Where:

- seminars and workshops: Room 1, Department of [Psychology and Cognitive Science](#), Palazzo Piomarta, corso Bettini 84, Rovereto (TN, Italy). Narrative Medicine workshops might take place in the Italian garden of Palazzo Fedrigotti, Corso Bettini 31, Rovereto (Tn).
- lunch breaks on weekdays: [Gilda Restaurant](#), via Prati, corner, via Matteo del Ben, 3/b, Rovereto (Tn).
- on Monday 21st September, morning seminars and lunch break will take place in Bolzano: F6 room, Faculty of Design and Art, Universitätsplatz 1 - piazza Università 1, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano.

Monday 14 (room 1, Palazzo Piomarta, corso Bettini 84, Rovereto, TN)
8.30-9.00 Registration
9.00-9.30 Welcome by the Head of the Department, Gianluca Esposito (UNITN), and Introduction by the Summer School coordinator, Maria Micaela Coppola (UNITN)
9.30-10.30 Narrative Medicine workshop, facilitated by Maria Micaela Coppola (Narrative Medicine and English Literature – UNITN)
10.45-12.45 “Scientific research without borders: values and challenges of disciplinary boundary crossing”, by Lisa Osbeck (Psychology – University of West Georgia), introduced by Sara Dellantonio (Philosophy of Psychology – UNITN)
12.45-14.30 lunch break
14.30-16.30 “Centring at the margins: participatory approaches to community interventions in social psychology” by Emanuele Politi (Social Psychology – UNITN)
17.00-19.00 Guided tour of Rovereto
Tuesday 15 (room 1, Palazzo Piomarta, corso Bettini 84, Rovereto, TN)
9.00-10.30 “Restricted learning, engaged students. Understanding the effects of academic freedom violations on youth education and activism” by Ester Gallo and Cristina Mazzero (Sociology – UNITN)
10.45-12.15 “Human rights NGOs and transnational activism during the 1970s. Or, the (no longer) forgotten decade for human rights” by Umberto Tulli (History of Human Rights – UNITN)
12.15-14.00 Lunch break
14.00-16.00 “When places remember: narrative encounters with colonial pasts, conflict, and transformation” by Greta Perletti (English Literature – UNITN)
16.15-17.45 PhotoVoice workshop, facilitated by Chiara Silvestri (Social Psychology – UNITN)
Wednesday 16 (room 1, Palazzo Piomarta, corso Bettini 84, Rovereto, TN)
9.00-12.00 “The psychology of neoliberal ideology in the polycrisis: deconstructing internalisation, envisioning transformation?” by Severin Hornung (Work and Organisational Psychology – UIBK)
12.00-14.00 Lunch break
14.00-16.00 “Cultural encounters and tensions in Australian Aboriginal literature and arts” by Francesca Di Blasio (English and Australian Aboriginal Literature – UNITN)
16.15-17.45 Narrative Medicine workshop, facilitated by Maria Micaela Coppola (in the Italian garden, corso Bettini 31)

Thursday 17 (room 1, Palazzo Piomarta, corso Bettini 84, Rovereto, TN)
9.00-12.00 “War and peace: psychological mechanisms behind intergroup conflict and reconciliation” by Jeroen Vaes (Social Psychology – UNITN) with the School of Peace (MLAL non-profit organisation, Municipality of Rovereto and the Trentino Forum for Peace and Human Rights)
12.00-14.00 <i>Lunch break</i>
14.00-16.00 “From gendered spaces to inclusive public environments” by Daniela Ruzzante (Social Psychology – UNITN)
16.00-18.00 “Mattering the world: political agency, vulnerability, and response-ability in polycrisis” by Kate Sheese (Social Psychology and Intercultural Praxis – Sigmund Freud University Berlin)
Friday 18
Day trip: Riva del Garda and Garda Lake. (Transportation and lunch are provided by PsyHuman Summer School.)
Saturday 19 free or (optional) walk to the Peace Bell in Rovereto with the Social Psychology group
Sunday 20 free

Monday 21 – in Bozen-Bolzano (transportation and lunch are provided by the PsyHuman Summer School.) (F6 room, Faculty of Design and Art, Universitätsplatz 1 - piazza Università 1, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano)
9.30-11.15 “Sites of contestations: trans rights in the era of anti-gender backlash” by Carla Maria Reale (Law Studies – EURAC Bozen)
11.30-13.15 “Robot abuse” by Andrea Rezzani (Human-Computer Interaction – UNIBZ)
13.15-15.00 <i>Lunch break</i>
from 15.00 half-day trip in the centre of Bolzano
Tuesday 22 (room 1, Palazzo Piomarta, Corso Bettini 84)
9.00-12.00 “Artivism as queer praxis: an interactive workshop on the politics of visibility” by Jean-Philippe Imbert (Comparative Literature and Sexuality Studies – formerly at Dublin City University)
12.00-14.00 <i>Lunch break</i>
14.00-16.00 “From divide to transformation: understanding men’s responses to gender equality” by Maria Paola Paladino (Social Psychology – UNITN)
16.15-17.45 PhotoVoice workshop, facilitated by Chiara Silvestri
Wednesday 23 (room 1, Palazzo Piomarta, Corso Bettini 84)
09.00-12.00 “Designing technologies for emancipatory futures” by Maria Menéndez-Blanco (Human-Computer Interaction – UNIBZ)
13.00-15.00 <i>Farewell lunch break</i> – Tema restaurant, corso Bettini 49, Rovereto (provided by PsyHuman Summer School)
15.00-16.00 Attendance certificate, with the Euregio committee – Maria Micaela Coppola (UNITN), Sara Dellantonio (UNITN), Tobias Greitemeyer (UIBK), Maria Menéndez-Blanco (UNIBZ), and Maria Paola Paladino (UNITN)
16.00-18.00 tour and Narrative Medicine workshop at museum, MART – Museum of modern and contemporary art, facilitated by Maria Micaela Coppola

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