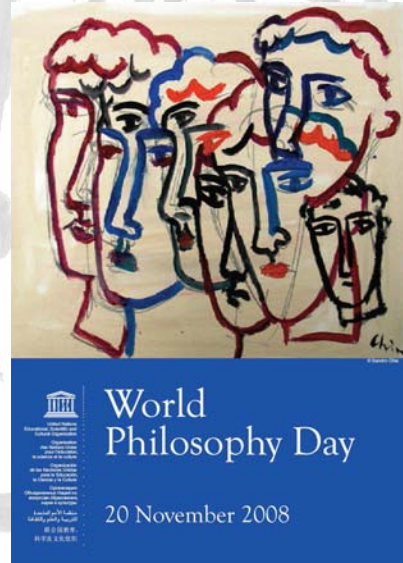


World Philosophy Day 2008

Palermo, Italy

20 - 22 November 2008

PROGRAMME



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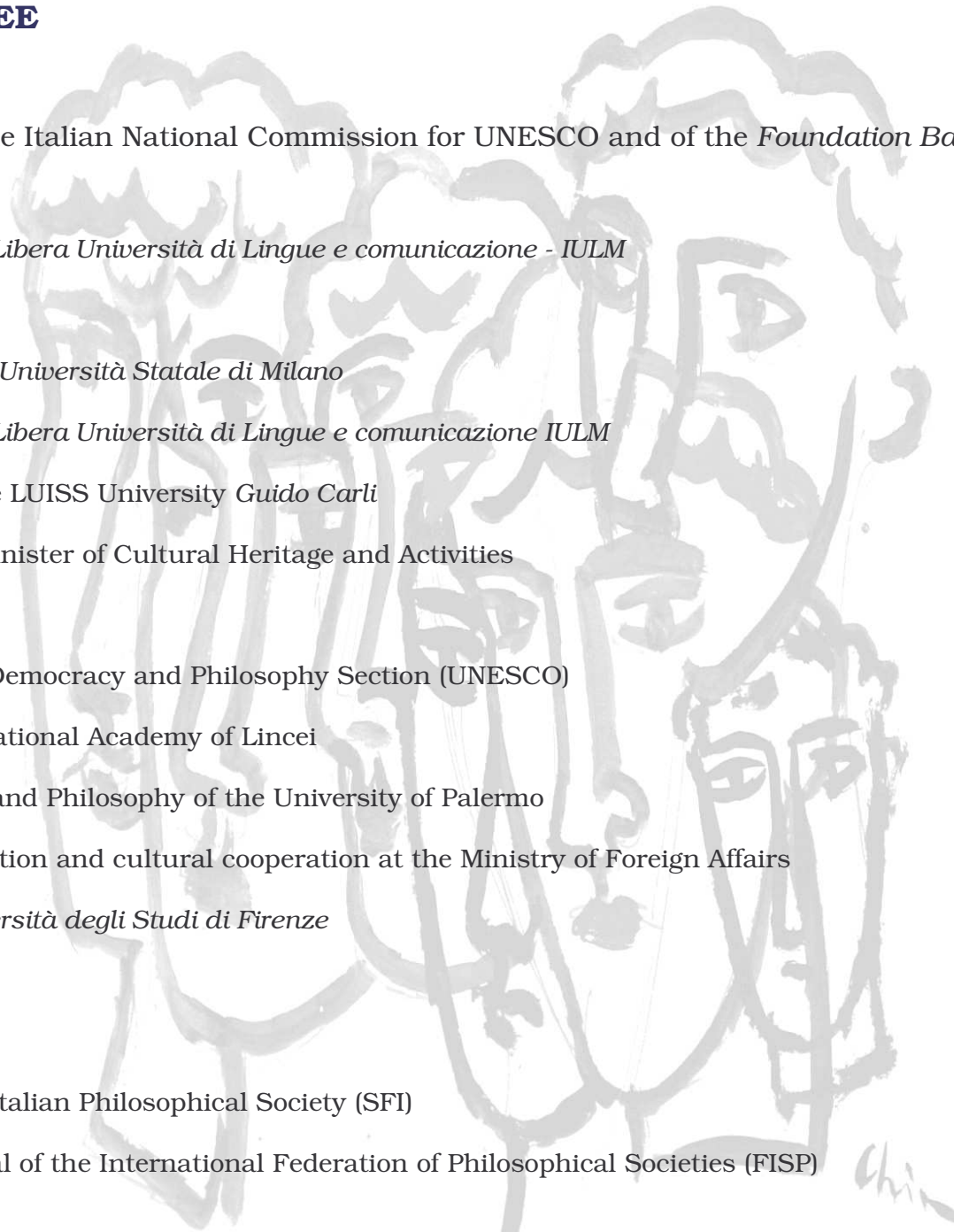
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World Philosophy Day

“Rights and Power”

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Società Siciliana per la Storia Patria

Piazza San Domenico, 1 - 90133 Palermo

Temple homonymous with the pantheon of the great Sicilians who worked for national unity, and which united the free Sicilian parliament under its vaults in 1848. This majestic building, both sober and luminous, has become the temple of science and knowledge.

Thursday 20 November 2008

OPENING CEREMONY

5.00 P.M. – 6.30 P.M.

Address by Mr Giovanni Puglisi
President of the Italian National Commission for UNESCO

Address by Mr Angelino Alfano
Minister of Justice of Italy

Address by Mr William McBride
President of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP)

Inaugural speech by Mr Koïchiro Matsuura
Director-General of UNESCO

KEYNOTE LECTURES

6.30 P.M. – 7.00 P.M.

Mr Francesco Paolo Casavola (Italy)
President Emeritus of the Constitutional Court
President of the National Bioethics Committee

Mr Andrea Riccardi (Italy)
President of the Community of Sant'Egidio

7.00 P.M.

Official presentation to the Director-General of UNESCO of the volume “Enciclopedia italiana Treccani” on the city of Palermo.

Opening Ceremony with the presence of

H.E. Mr **Giuseppe Moscato**
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Italy to UNESCO

H.E. Mr **Olabiya Babalola Joseph Yaï**
Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO

H.E. Ms **María Pilar Armanet**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Chile to France, Permanent Delegate of Chile to UNESCO

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Mr **Mansour Ghazali**, Deputy Permanent Delegate of Saudi Arabia.

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THEMATIC ROUND TABLES

Palazzo Butera

Via Butera, 8/18 - 90133 Palermo

*Situated at the heart of the historic part of the city, this palace offers a panoramic view on the Gulf of Palermo.
An exceptional site, propitious for the proliferation of ideas, the exchange of philosophical reflection
and the sharing of the pleasure of thinking.*

Morning

9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Friday 21 November 2008

Afternoon

2.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Identities facing each other: cultural diversity and philosophical dialogues - Tagore Room -

Chair: Antonino Buttitta (Italy)

Participants: Abdenour Bidar (France); In-Suk Cha (Republic of Korea); Leonard Harris (USA); Petr Janyska (Czech Republic); Giuseppe Nicolaci (Italy)

The State, citizens and power - Leopardi Room -

Chair: Valerio Onida (Italy)

Participants: Josiane Boulad-Ayoub (Canada); Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak (India); Aminata Diaw Cissé (Sénégal); Peter Kemp (Denmark)

Human dignity, civil community and public authority - Senghor Room -

Chair: Maria Rita Saulle (Italy)

Participants: Sylviane Agacinski (France); Ali Benmakhlouf (Morocco); Anat Biletzki (Israel); Ioanna Kuçuradi (Turkey); Ugo Perone (Italy)

Alternative law, multiple identities and civic liberties - Arendt Room -

Chair: Stefano Semplici (Italy)

Participants: Jean-Godefroy Bidima (Cameroon); Ariane Michelle Djoussou (Benin); Geneviève Fraisse (France)

Philosophy, chaos and law - Averroes Room -

Chair: Armando Massarenti (Italy)

Participants: Stéphane Douailler (France); Roger-Pol Droit (France); William McBride (USA); Carlin Romano (USA); Vittorio Villa (Italy)

Identities facing each other: cultural diversity and philosophical dialogues - Tagore Room -

Chair: Giovanni Puglisi (Italy)

Participants: Akeel Bilgrami (India); Sophie Bosede Oluwole (Nigeria); Luca Maria Scarantino (Italy); Tu Weiming (USA/China)

Philosophy and the European project: from one crisis to another? - Leopardi Room -

Chair: Pietro Di Giovanni (Italy)

Participants: Hans Lenk (Germany); Jacques Poulain (France); Stefano Poggi (Italy)

From the Mediterranean to the Pacific: new spaces of power and cradles of civilization - Senghor Room -

Chair: Girolamo Cotroneo (Italy)

Participants: Mohamed Arkoun (Algeria); Abdussalam Guseinov (Russian Federation); Marietta Stepanyants (Russian Federation); Fathi Triki (Tunisia); Naoshi Yamawaki (Japan)

The inter-subjective dynamics of power: recognition, prestige and authority - Arendt Room -

Chair: Fulvio Tessitore (Italy)

Participants: Hourya Benis (Morocco); Maria Bettetini (Italy); Barbara Carnevali (Italy); Petr Horák (Czech Republic); Francisco Naishtat (Argentina)

Sciences and power - Averroes Room -

Chair: Pietro Palumbo (Italy)

Participants: Mauro Ceruti (Italy); Sémou Pathé Gueye (Senegal); Fatma Oussedik (Algeria)

Lunch buffet on site, 1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

The morning and afternoon round tables will take place simultaneously
Working languages: Italian – French – English

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CLOSING CEREMONY

6.00 P.M. – 7.00 P.M.

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Chaired by

H.E. Mr Giuseppe Moscato
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Italy to UNESCO

Address

H.E. Mr Olabiyi Babalola Joseph Yai
Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO

Closing speech

Mr Giovanni Puglisi
President of the Italian National
Commission for UNESCO

Acknowledgements

Ms Moufida Goucha
Representative of UNESCO

Philosophical tasting
Sicilian wine and cheese

In honour of the philosophers and participants
of World Philosophy Day

Events organized on the occasion of World Philosophy Day

Villa Zito

Headquarters of the Fondazione Banco di Sicilia

Viale della Libertà, 52 - 90143 Palermo

Constructed during the 18th century, Villa Zito is the head location of the Fondazione Banco di Sicilia. This magnificent building also hosts the prestigious Ignazio Mormino Museum of Art and Archaeology, as well as the historical archives of the Banco di Sicilia. Villa Zito is also an exceptional library containing 70,000 volumes, dedicated to archaeology, numismatics and the history of the island.

Thursday 20 November 2008

10.30 A.M. – 12.00 P.M.

Special conference on the topic

Finance and Real Economy: A Virtuous Circle

Alessandro Profumo

Managing Director of UniCreditGroup

Friday 21 November 2008

10.00 A.M.

Inauguration of the bibliographic exhibition

« La stampa del pensiero »

50 rare volumes of the greatest thinkers in the history of philosophy published between 1475 and the beginning of the 20th century

Saturday 22 November 2008

10.30 A.M. – 12.00 P.M.

Official presentation of the

Volume of the “Enciclopedia italiana Treccani”
on the city of Palermo

Session chaired and introduced by

Giovanni Puglisi, Editor of the publication

With the participation of

Maria Andarolo, Alessandra Borghese, Massimo Bray, Gioacchino Lanza Tomasi and Pier Luigi Sacco

**Fondazione Banco di Sicilia
World Philosophy Day 2008 - Palermo, Italy**

The promotion and diffusion of culture, in its diverse expressions, are among the primary objectives that define the activities of the Foundation Banco di Sicilia, whose institutional aim is to contribute to the socio-economic development of Sicily and Italy, while also being attentive to the Mediterranean context.

It is in this perspective that the Foundation Banco di Sicilia has wished to bring together the new generations of the world of philosophy: a challenge so as to multiply spaces and occasions for reflection, debate and exchange on the major philosophical questions that have always stimulated and nourished Man's knowledge.

Today, on the occasion of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, it is the city of Palermo that has the pleasure of welcoming World Philosophy Day – an event organized each year by UNESCO whose international celebration is hosted by an important city in the host country – in order to offer to researchers, experts and journalists, as well as to the friends of philosophy coming from all over the world, the possibility to meet and debate on the theme *Rights and Power*. The aim is indeed to debate on the importance of intercultural dialogue and exchange of ideas, privileged and universally recognized vehicles for the teaching and practice of tolerance and liberty everywhere in the world.

It is an honour for the Foundation Banco di Sicilia to be able to contribute to the fruition of this Day, substantial in content and enriched with the participation of renown philosophers and prominent personalities.

