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*Biopolitical Governmentality: Inclusion and Happiness.  
Historical and Conceptual Genealogy, Present Challenges and  
Future Perspectives of a Politics for Man and Society.*

**Local Unit University of Palermo:**

*Human Security Between Biopolitics of Populations and Global Governance.  
For a Genealogy of the Contemporary Nexus Between Form-of-Life and Politics.*

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**LIFE, POLITICS, CONTINGENCY**

*University of Palermo (Italy),  
Summer School, Erice (TP) June 8-12, 2015*

The aim of the Summer School week is to question in their reciprocal interactions three capital concepts of human existence: *life, politics, contingency*.

Starting from a critical view on the inherited meaning of each concept, our idea is that of opening them towards a network co-articulation, without any primacy of the one over the other, but tracing a pluri-conceptual map opened, in its turn, to other collateral meanings.

Is it possible to think of life without blocking it within an objectified position, but gaining a vitality deprived by its philosophical mortgage of the beginning of the 20th century? Beyond this objectification, can we propose a notion of *living* in a plural dimension of meaning, not to be subsumed into a renewal disciplinary hierarchy? Is it auspicious and how is it, today, to differentiate the two concepts of life in ancient Greek, *bíos* and *zoé*, re-habilitating the oblivion of stratified meaning in time of western thought? Simply put, if biopolitics is mastering life exalting its conformity to biopower, can a vision of zoopolitics escape from it? Is the animal dimension of human connected this idea? Synthetically, is it possible to *speak* of life without *capturing* it, but let it live? And which form of life is possible?

Can we think of politics as a space, or a broken set, where a match is played with no winners or losers, whose stake is the becoming-flux of forms-of-life in a never ended time trajectory? Shall we speak of politics only in a vertical meaning, like the sacredness of authority? Which politics thinks itself in an opening of plural directions, in a co-existence of a same space of life? And what kind of society (or societies?) is thought by this vision of politics? Or yet has politics to be dissolved into the social, hardly struggling for its autonomy, never plainly achieved? In which space we think the self-government of emancipated people is finally freed and free? And what about its naming?

Is it sufficient to substitute the *becoming* to *being* in order to free oneself from the necessity of an original ontology? Does the ontology of becoming trace a split or does it fall again in the mortgage of *arché*? To free oneself from the original necessity means to precipitate in a unbearable contingency? Which balance can we delineate about the link between institution and (order of) contingency? And then, is it really



compelling to live anyway within social and political institutions? To think (in) the contingency means the abuse of a meaningless chaos or better the look for a diagram of meanings that is open and plural in the undetermined opening of contingency?

These and other questions that can arise within this diagram of mobile concepts, in their reciprocal interactions, resonate not only in their isolated abstraction for each of concept, but rebound with different effects allowing the various links which tie and untie each other. To simulate their effects, to trace horizons of new thinking, to promote discursive strategies, to let buried power of thought arise, are welcomed actions.

### **Methodology**

Each session two seminars will be held. They will explore the same topic from different perspectives, aiming at achieving an effective integration of approach, methods and results.

**Working Languages:** English, Italian, French, Spanish.

### **Applications, Conditions of admissions**

The Course is open to PhD students, PhD and Researchers with an interest in the topic and able to orientate themselves in the subject matters of the courses. No more than 40 applications will be accepted. If a selection will be necessary (if more than 40 applications will be received) the Scientific Supervisors will redact a list and a reserve list. Students from the reserve list will be contacted in the case in which students admitted in the list withdraw.

Every applicant shall fill in the form here attached, adding his/her CV.

### **Enrollment**

Enrollment is free. Attached to this call (on-line from the 31 of October 2014) a model of the application form can be found (this is in English, but application forms can be filled out also in French, Italian or Spanish).

This should be sent (and received by 31st of January 2015), jointly with a CV, a copy of a national ID to the following address:

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Prof. Salvo Vaccaro

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### **Housing and meals**

Participants can rent a room (with very cheap rates) at “Eremo La casa del sorriso”, Contrada Cappuccini 9, 91016 Erice vetta (TP).

Participants can have meals (with very cheap rates) at “Eremo La casa del sorriso”, Contrada Cappuccini 9, 91016 Erice vetta (TP)

For further information, please contact the Summer Course Director prof. Salvo Vaccaro: e-mail: [salvo.vaccaro@unipa.it](mailto:salvo.vaccaro@unipa.it).



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### **Further information will be available on:**

<http://portale.unipa.it/dipartimenti/culturesocieta>

### **Summer School Program**

Laura Bazzicalupo (Univ. Salerno)

Desiderio, produzione e governo: una triangolazione da ripensare



Lorenzo Bernini (Univ. Verona)	Fuori dal tempo, contro la vita: Pulsione sessuale, analità, politica nelle teorie queer antisociali
Vittoria Borsò (Univ. Düsseldorf)	Titolo da definire
Wendy Brown (Univ. California, Berkeley)	Can There Be a Capitalism <i>For</i> Life?
Judith Butler (Univ. California, Berkeley)	Non-Violence and the Living
Adriana Cavarero (Univ. Verona)	Ontologia dell'inclinazione
Simon Critchley (New School, New York)	Tragedy's Philosophy
Pierre Dalla Vigna (Univ. Insubria)	Filosofia in presa diretta
Dimitri D'Andrea (Univ. Firenze)	Politica, immagini del mondo e razionalità neoliberale
Massimo De Carolis (Univ. Salerno)	I fondamenti antropologici dell'economia di mercato
Marianna Esposito (Univ. Salerno)	Pensare politico. L'evento tra contingenza e necessità
Roberto Esposito (SUM)	Politica e metafisica
Simona Forti (Univ. Piemonte Orientale)	Anime anarchiche
Olivia Guaraldo (Univ. Verona)	"Nessun uomo può essere sovrano": la politica come scena della dipendenza
Sandra Laugier (Univ. Paris 1 Sorbonne)	Forms of life, life forms. Wittgenstein and Cavell
Sandro Luce (Univ. Salerno)	La governance come governo dell'economia
Serena Marcenò (Univ. Palermo)	Vita e politica tra cura e contingenza
Giacomo Marramao (Univ. Roma III)	Ontologia, potere, contingenza. Usi e abusi del concetto di vita
Ottavio Marzocca (Univ. Bari)	Bios, ethos, kosmos. Dalla biopolitica all'etopoiesi dell'abitare



Viviana Segreto (Univ. Palermo)

Contingenza e soggettività nella polis

Antonio Tucci (Univ. Salerno)

Dispositivi normativi della governance

Salvo Vaccaro (Univ. Palermo)

Forza-di-vita e acrazia politica

José Luis Villacañas Berlanga (Univ. Complutense Madrid) L'antropologia politica di Blumenberg



## APPLICATION FORM

SUMMER SCHOOL

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## APPLY

to the Summer School *Life, Politics, Contingency*, which will be held in Erice (TP) from 8 to 12 of June 2015.

Documents attached:

curriculum vitae et studiorum;

copy of a National ID;

I need to stay at Eremo La casa del sorriso for:

Meals

Room

Date, Signature