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Resentment and Populism between Democracy and Authoritarian Tendencies

19-20 november 2026 I Aula 1 pignolo - Via Pignolo 123, Bergamo I University of Bergamo

Thursday, 19 november 2026 | 14.00-18.00

9.00 **Welcome Remark**
Prof. Francesca Pasquali,
Head of the Department of Letters, Philosophy, Communication, University of Bergamo

9.15 **SESSION I - Definitions**
Chair: **Oscar Mazzoleni**, University of Lausanne

The Poison That Heals: Resentment and Victimhood
Stefano Tomelleri, University of Bergamo

Staging Resentment: Manipulated Resonance and the Mobilization of Political Emotions in Trump's Second Presidency
Lorenzo Viviani, University of Pisa

10.00 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**
Chair: **Oscar Mazzoleni**, University of Lausanne

Beyond Populism: Resentment and the Normalization of Illiberalism
Marlene Laruelle, LUISS Guido Carli University *(online)*

11.15 **Coffee Break**

11.30 **SESSION I** *(continued)*

Conspiracy Cultures as Epistemic Resentment: Platform Affordances, Genre Hybridisation and the Subversion of Expert Authority
Maria Francesca Murru, University of Bergamo

The Sociocognitive Ecology of Emotions: Populism and the Management of Hyper-Uncertainty
Sergio Salvatore, University of Salento

13.00 **Lunch Break**

14.30 **SESSION II - Critical Perspectives**
Chair: **Giorgia Bulli**, University of Florence

Resentment and Penal Populism: The Victim as Credential
Manuel Anselmi and **Stefano Tomelleri**, University of Bergamo

Political Conspiracism in Populism: An Authoritarian Turn of Resentment and Anxiety
Marco Solinas, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa

Masculinity, Resentment and the Populist Appeal
Vera Lomazzi and **Alberta Giorgi**, University of Bergamo

16.00 **SESSION III - Resentment and Political Dimensions**
Chair: **Lorenzo Viviani**, University of Pisa

Resentment or Ressentiment? Populism and Climate Change
Oscar Mazzoleni and **Jessica Rosco**, University of Lausanne

The New Enemy: An Intergroup Approach to Populist Anti-Elitism
Christian Staerklé, University of Lausanne

17.00 **Coffee Break**

17.15 **SESSION III** *(continued)*

The Politics of Resentment: Radicalization, Normalization and Institutional Change in Germany
Giorgia Bulli, University of Florence

Affects of Social Malaise in the Deadlock of Resentment: From Fascist Necropolitics to Socio-Democratic Reconstructiony
Olivier Voirol, University of Lausanne

Friday, 20 november 2026 | 9.30-12.00

9.30 **SESSION IV - Resentment, Subalternity and Moral Experience**
Chair: **Stefano Tomelleri**, University of Bergamo

Ashlaa' in Gaza: Resentment between Oppression and Solidarity
Silvia Cataldi, Sapienza University of Rome

10.15 **Coffee Break**

10.30 **SESSION IV** *(continued)*

The Moral Career of Resentment. Value Transvaluation, Subaltern Habitus and Negative Illusio
Luca Mori, University of Verona

Between Ressentiment and Resentment: The Role of the "Crisis of Presence"
Ercole Giap Parini, University of Calabria

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