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Death Instinct and Knowledge Human Birth Theory and its Implications

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Conference program

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Day 1 programme – 18 november 2022

- 8.00** Admission of conference participants
8.30 Welcome talks and institutional greetings

Chair: Francesca Fagioli, Conference President

From the Municipality of Rome

Sabrina Alfonsi, Councilor for Agriculture, Environment and Waste Cycle.

Daniela Spinaci, President of the Equal Opportunities Commission. Municipality I, Central Rome

From the Fondazione Massimo Fagioli

Alessandro Hinna, Foundation President

Marcella Fagioli, President of the Scientific Board

- 9.00** **Guest Speakers and Papers**

Chair: Andrea Raballo

Paolo Girardi

The critical nature of the biological paradigm

Chair: Daniela Polese

Joanna E. Chambers

The Modern Opioid Epidemic:

An Example of the Intersection of Human Birth Theory and Attachment Theory

- 10.00** **Plenary Session 1**

Thematic areas:

■ Psychiatry, psychotherapy, developmental psychology (A)

■ Neonatology and bioethics (B)

Psychiatry as psychotherapy

Chair: Andrea Masini

M. L. Riccio, D. Polese

'Human birth is in coming into light, not in the first breath':

new data on the discovery of a third retinal photoreceptor active at birth (B)

C. Anzilotti, D. Armando

Unconscious, fantasy, imagination:

some reflections on the words of birth theory and their history (A)

F. Masini

The birth theory and the origin of the language (A)

F. Panzera, E. Pappagallo, F. Quaranta

'From the Insulin shock therapy group to Analisi Collettiva,

the evolution of group therapy in Massimo Fagioli's practice (A)

D. Fagnoli, M. G. Gatti

Death Instinct and Knowledge and the psychotherapy of psychosis (A)

- 11.15** **Plenary Session 2**

Thematic areas:

■ Psychiatry, psychotherapy, developmental psychology (A)

The psychopathology of the non-conscious**Chair: Gabriele Cavaggioni***C. Andrizzi***The diagnosis of delusional perception opens the way to the psychotherapy***I. Calesini, E. Atzori, L. Costantino, D. Montanaro, D. Fagnoli***The Identification: definition and clinic in Istinto di morte e conoscenza***A. Mazzetta***The loss of common sense compared with the disappearance fantasy: the conscious and unconscious intentionality***M. Albrizio, M. C. Aliquò, E. Stocco***The invisible clinic of envy***A. Giampà, A. Mocci***The evolution of envy concept through the clinical cases of "Death instinct and knowledge": between theoretical elaboration and therapeutic process****12.30 Lunch Break and Poster Exhibition**

Thematic areas:

■ Psychiatry, psychotherapy, developmental psychology (A)

■ Neonatology and bioethics (B)

14.00 Plenary Session 3

Thematic areas:

■ Psychiatry, psychotherapy, developmental psychology (A)

■ Neonatology and bioethics (B)

Human Identity and Its Development**Chair: Elena Monducci***I. Rocchi***The non-conscious mother-infant relationship (B)***A. Cantini, C. Fazio, V. Fino, E. Lucarini, M. Ponti, N. Trevisan***Maternal stress in pregnancy, maternal mental disorders and fetal neurodevelopment: a scientific investigation in light of Massimo Fagioli's Human Birth Theory (B)***A. Emiliozzi, L. Genco, E. Lucarini, C. Patrignani, A. Pelagaggi, G. Sneider, M. Sneider, N. Trevisan***The sense of the line at the time of weaning.****An in-depth scientific review based on Massimo Fagioli's Human Birth Theory (B)***E. Gebhardt***The discovery of human birth as the foundation for a psychopathology of childhood and adolescence (A)***M. Petrucci***Transition Psychiatry and Birth Theory (A)****15.15 Dreaming and healing - The therapeutic process and dreams.****Directed by Bruno Rocchi, produced by Netforpp Europa Ets**Introduction and presentation: *Cecilia Iannaco e Martino Riggio***15.45 Roundtable****Dynamic psychotherapy in the light of Human Birth Theory: an international comparison****Co-Chairs: Annelore Homberg e Paolo Fiori Nastro**Speakers: *Martina Brandizzi, Eirini Karyotaki, Natalia Solovieva***17.30 End of day**

Online Contributions - 18 November 2022

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Thematic areas:

■ Psychiatry, psychotherapy, developmental psychology (A)

The Identity of the Psychotherapist

Chair: Letizia del Pace

E. Atzori, D. Montanaro, I. Ritacco, L. Costantino, I. Calesini, D. Fagnoli

Theoretical redefinition of the death instinct and propulsive impact of the concept of the therapist's "absence" regarding the research on the effective therapist

P. Bisconti, F. Fagnoli, D. Fagnoli

Death Instinct and Knowledge and dream interpretation

A. Carlotto

From medicine to psychiatric identity as psychotherapy: training through Human Birth Theory

G. Cavaggioni

Questions from work experience

L. Costantino, D. Fagnoli, E. Atzori, I. Calesini, D. Montanaro, Ilario Ritacco

The human identity of the therapist

Death Instinct and Psychosis

Chair: Alice Masillo

D. Polese

The secret of Then: the transformation as a therapeutic process in Death Instinct and Knowledge

D. De Lisi, D. Fagnoli

Historical framing of fantasy and rêverie. The original definition that is formulated in Death Instinct and Knowledge

V. Migliorini, M. Albrizio

Psychotherapy of psychosis: a comparison between the Human Birth Theory and the lost opportunity of Harry Stack Sullivan and Frieda Fromm-Reichmann

I. Ritacco, E. Atzori, D. Montanaro, B. Pelletti, D. Fagnoli

Schizophrenic attitude against the human relationship and annulment pulsion

L. Sapienza, V. Clementi, A. Piazzì

The relationship with phenomenological and existential psychiatry in the professional career of Massimo Fagioli

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Developmental Psychopathology

Chair: Claudia Battaglia

A. Bembina

Developmental relational psychopathology: theoretical training, clinical practice, and therapeutic results

A. Bernardini, A. Orlini

The Human Birth Theory in Early Human Development: a comparison with the psychoanalytic tradition

A. Franco, M. Ionata

Emotional-affective dysregulation in adolescence: which rules have emotions escaped?

A reflection on physiology, pathology and treatment

L. Giorgini

Neuropsychiatry of childhood and adolescence: the annulment of children and young people as psychic subjects

V. Mariotti, E. Gebhardt, M. Petrucci

"The physical transformation does not exist". Theoretical aspects and therapeutic implications

Biology and Death instinct

Chair: Raffaella Nicolai

A. D'Imperio, B. Quagliarini, M. Ienca, G. Ruggeri

Analysis of disappearance fantasy according to Death Instinct and Knowledge: clinical, forensic and neuroethical correlations

F. Fagnoli

Neoteny and development of the senses in Death Instinct and Knowledge

M. G. Gatti, F. Fagnoli, D. Fagnoli

Death Instinct and Knowledge and light

F. Rinaldi

Beyond the "concept of cause". The cause-effect nexus and its rethinking in Massimo Fagioli's theorization

T. Spiga

From neonatology to the molecular bases of the transduction from luminous impulse to nervous impulse

Day 2 Programme - 19 November 2022**8.00** Admission of conference participants**8.30** Welcome talk**Chair: Francesca Fagioli**, Conference President*Marta Bonafoni*, Councilor of the Lazio Region**8.45** **Plenary Session 4**

Thematic area:

■ Socio-cultural contexts and implications (C)

Social transformation and human requirements**Chair: Carlo Zaghi***L. Di Paolo, G. Manetti, D. Coccoli, G. Minasi, C. Carbonari, C. Menna, A. Sintini, M. Caracciolo***But how did you do it? From individual research to the writing of Death Instinct and Knowledge in response to collective demand.***D. Donninelli, A. Amendola, A. Barbagli, F. Cascianelli, P. Fiori Nastro, I. Iannuzzi, M. Migliorini, C. Pistolesi***A School for "Knowledge"***A. Laconi, S. Marzetti, F. Zappacosta***Equality and freedom related to non-conscious reality: anthropological, philosophical, and sociopolitical implications***D. Natali***Political theory of European integration in light of Human Birth Theory***M. Sintini***Architecture and relationship with nature****10.00** **Guest Speakers and Papers****Chair: Ester Stocco***Luigi Cancrini***The "revolutionary" changes in psychotherapy over the last 50 years****10.30** **Plenary session 5**

Thematic area:

■ Socio-cultural contexts and implications (C)

For a new anthropology**Chair: Paola Gramigni***M. Pugno***The double 'leap' in human evolution: a hypothesis in the light of Human Birth Theory***C. Ricciardi***Rational Justifications Falsify Ethics: A Research Proposal***A. Iacarella***A wholly human history. De Martino, Camus, Fagioli: paths of European thought after World War II***A. Barbagli, E. Monducci***The future is a door, and we are now the key***A. Ventura***Fagioli's Birth Theory and human sociality**

- 11.45** **Plenary session 6**
 Thematic area:
 ■ Socio-cultural contexts and implications (C)

The New Language

Chair: Simona Maggiorelli

L. Valeri, S. Danielli, E. Papa

New words. A study of the language of the first edition of Death Instinct and Knowledge by Massimo Fagioli

V. Montanino, A. M. Panzera

"A woman, undersigned". Creativity and the female image in Death Instinct and Knowledge. The repercussions in the history of thought and art

E. Farina

Rethinking Second Language Acquisition in Terms of Relationship with the Different from Oneself through Human Birth Theory

T. Zhang, F. Masini

Translating Istinto di morte e conoscenza (Death Instinct and Knowledge) into Chinese

- 12.45** **Lunch Break and Poster Exhibition**

- 14.15** Thematic area:
 ■ Socio-cultural contexts and implications (C)

- 14.15** **Guest Speakers and Papers**

Chair: Nella Lo Cascio

César A. Alfonso

Architecture: Psychoanalytic Insights on the Aesthetics of Living Spaces and Social Responsibility

- 14.45** **Roundtable**

Non-rational thinking and human identity

Chair: Ugo Tonietti

Speakers: Piero Bevilacqua, Franco D'Agostino, Paolo Fresu, Annelore Homberg, Nicoletta Lanciano, Manuela Sanna

- 16.45** **Chair: Matteo Fago**

Communication

Andrea Masini

"Il sogno della farfalla": a 30-year history of psychiatry and psychotherapy

Paolo Fiori Nastro

To continue the idea of a possible cure: the Bios Psyché School of Dynamic Psychotherapy,

Lorenzo Vivarelli

"Amore e Psiche": a space for cultural exchange

Closing remarks

Carlo Anzilotti

Ernesto Longobardi

- 17.45** **End of conference**

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■ Sociocultural contexts and implications (C)

Creativity and language expressed through images

Presiede: Giusi De Santis

*A. Di Micco, C. Folcarelli, E. Gebhardt, L. Giorgini, S. Maggiorelli,
M. Petrucci, R. Pugno*

Art is not madness: irrationality and creativity are the humanity of thought

C. Landi, G. Leonelli, F. Nante

Creativity, conception and the relationship with history

L. D'Angelo

**Death Instinct and Knowledge in the context of art and art criticism
of the early seventies**

G. De Santis

**Cinema and language. New methodological perspectives on the research
of images according to Massimo Fagioli's Human Birth Theory**

R. Chimenti

Massimo Fagioli's thought and his deep relationship with poetry

Broadening of Horizons after Death Instinct and Knowledge

Chair: Elisabetta Amalfitano

U. Toniatti

The birth theory: a paradigm shift for knowledge

N. Ghetti

The Language of Dreams Interpretation

E. Ilardi, E. Longobardi

**Old words for a new thought: preliminary notes for a research on alienation
in the tradition of Western thought and in the work of Massimo Fagioli,
starting from Death Instinct and Knowledge**

A. G. Calenda

Geopolitics and the Human Birth Theory.

Ideas for a new approach to international relations

Education and healthcare: new paradigms

Chair: Elena Novella Maturi

M. De Vinci

**Is psychotherapy possible in a public health service
counseling facility for young adults?**

S. Farina

**Designing psychiatric care facilities in the public health service through the
redevelopment of urban space, based on Human Birth Theory**

A. Amendola

Towards a New Identity of the Teacher

M. Galloni, M. De Vinci

Joint work experience between a state high school and a public counseling facility



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Poster Exhibition | November 18th

During the lunch break at the poster exhibition, participants will have the opportunity to talk to the authors. An interview with the respective author will be conducted for each poster and will be available on the conference website prior to the event. www.convegnoistinto50anni.it

For reasons of space and coherence with the topics of the day, posters of thematic areas **A** and **B** will be exhibited on November 18th, while those relating to thematic area **C** will be exhibited on November 19th.

■ Psychiatry, psychotherapy, and developmental psychology (Thematic area A) - November 18

- 1 • A. Amorini, M. Consolazione, E. Loi | **From splitting to fusion: mind-body relation in Massimo Fagioli's theory. Mind and body relation: an unresolved millennial story (A)**
- 2 • A. Bonifazi, B. Pelletti, F. Fisicaro, D. Tommasino | **Overcoming Gender Based Violence: which psychotherapeutic approach? (A)**
- 3 • L. Castaldo, M. Randisi | **"If I were you": brief history of projective identification (A)**
- 4 • E. Di Gianfrancesco, E. Salvador | **Theory and praxis on collective Analysis (A)**
- 5 • L. Fagioli, A. Modafferi, M. Consolazione | **The difference between desire and greed according to Massimo Fagioli's Human Birth Theory (A)**
- 6 • G. Frattali, A. Iovinella, G. Gallone, A. Vernarelli | **The witch of hate. The concept of envy according to Massimo Fagioli (A)**
- 7 • A. Grimaldi, A. Pea, M. Petrucci, E. Gebhardt | **Paralysis of sleep or of waking? A reading according to Fagioli's Human Birth Theory (A)**
- 8 • C. Mazzetta, R. Blasi, V. Cuoco, C. Giangrandi, M.G. Lupica, B. Manfredi, A. Pascucci, A. Pea, R. Perciballi, I. Pompei, C. Procaccini | **Disappearance Fantasy and ... (A)**
- 9 • M. Moneglia, A. Grimaldi, G. Sbaragli | **Negation and Refusal (A)**
- 10 • F. Montebovi, F. Fagioli | **Desire and sexuality (A)**
- 11 • R. Nicolai, V. Cappadocia | **The Human Birth Theory: from the delusional perception to the face recognition in the mirror (A)**
- 12 • R. Pompei, D. Aiello | **Intervention on young adults in the public health service. A clinical case (A)**
- 13 • C. Procaccini, A. Grimaldi | **Frustration - Aggressiveness (A)**
- 14 • G. Spurio | **Online psychotherapy: chances of success or failure? Speculate on new job possibilities (A)**
- 14 bis • A. Carlotto | **Last frontiers in the treatment of self-injury in the penitentiary institution. A new practice of psychiatry as psychotherapy (A)**

■ Neonatology and bioethics (Thematic section B) - November 18th

- 15 • M.G. Gatti, F. Fagnoli | **Birth, light and the origins of the mind and lived time (B)**
- 16 • L. Sargenti | **Self-Harm diseases and functional dysphonies (possible interactions and research) (B)**
- 17 • G. Zaccagnini, A. M. Cuppone, R. Del Conte, C. Lironcurti | **The strength of the heart in the physiology of human birth (B)**
- 18 • R. Zand, E. Colosimo, G. Spurio, G. Terenzi, | **The first years of a child's life: a working group project. A paediatrician invites three psychotherapists to her medical practice (B)**



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■ Socio-cultural contexts and implications (thematic area C) - November 19

- 19 • D. Burul | **Considerations about horror vacui in art** (C)
- 20 • A. Califano | **The purest water** (C)
- 21 • S. Ceccherini | **Crisis of presence” and “Denunciation of the absence”** (C)
- 22 • S. Ceccherini | **Recollection-Memory** (C)
- 23 • L. Chianese | **The idea of equality in the architecture and in the urban planning. From the analysis of the inequalities generated in urban contexts to the project for the new city of Florence by Massimo Fagioli** (C)
- 24 • T. Colombo, E. Carpitella, A. Ferrante, A. Maccari, A. Nota, A. Piccolomini d'Aragona, C. Ricciardi, M. Soccorsi, M. Tortoli, G. Venditti, (Epistemology of the research process subgroup of the Culture, Politics, Science and Society workshop) | **Research and knowledge as fundamental human requirements** (C)
- 25 • R. Pugno, A. Di Micco, E. Rivetti | **The “line” in the thought and artistic practice of Massimo Fagioli** (C)
- 26 • A. Di Micco, R. Pugno | **“Words” in Instinct** (C)
- 27 • L. Di Paolo, M. Caracciolo, C. Carbonari, D. Coccoli, G. Manetti, C. Menna, G. Minasi, A. Sintini, (Historical monographic subgroup of the Culture, Politics, Science and Society workshop) | **The years of training, research and discovery of the disappearance fantasy, up to the writing of Death instinct and knowledge** (C)
- 28 • R. Duò, M. Paglialunga | **Violence against women. The pathology of affection in law and judicial practice** (C)
- 29 • E. Farina, N. De Rosa, D. Donninelli, G. Nicolai, E. Papa, S. Portmann (Language subgroup of the Art and Languages Workshop) | **Death Instinct and Knowledge: Basis for a New Theory of Language** (C)
- 30 • R. Farris, F. Burrioni, E. Marconcini, P. Massarelli, A. Rausa, E. Schipani, L. Tondi, R. Zubcich, S. Santarelli (Arts and issue of origins subgroup of the Arts and languages workshop) | **Human Birth Theory and the theme of origins** (C)
- 31 • M.C. Bernardini, G. Capograsso, F. De Angelis, L. Di Paolo, M. Fè, A. Ferrante, M. Gallone, G. Minasi, F. Pantalei, A. Sintini, A. Ventura (Ideas for a new left subgroup of the Culture, Politics, Science and Society workshop) | **Freedom (Libertà). Four words for a new left-wing cultural and political praxis** (C)
- 32 • M.C. Bernardini, G. Capograsso, F. De Angelis, L. Di Paolo, M. Fè, A. Ferrante, M. Gallone, G. Minasi, F. Pantalei, A. Sintini, A. Ventura (Ideas for a new left subgroup of the Culture, Politics, Science and Society) | **Equality (Eguaglianza). Four words for a new left-wing cultural and political praxis** (C)
- 33 • M.C. Bernardini, G. Capograsso, F. De Angelis, L. Di Paolo, M. Fè, A. Ferrante, M. Gallone, G. Minasi, F. Pantalei, A. Sintini, A. Ventura (Ideas for a new left subgroup of the Culture, Politics, Science and Society) | **Fraternity (Fraternità). Four words for a new left-wing cultural and political praxis** (C)
- 34 • M.C. Bernardini, G. Capograsso, F. De Angelis, L. Di Paolo, M. Fè, A. Ferrante, M. Gallone, G. Minasi, F. Pantalei, A. Sintini, A. Ventura (Ideas for a new left subgroup of the Culture, Politics, Science and Society) | **Transformation (Trasformazione). Four words for a new left-wing cultural and political praxis** (C)
- 35 • G. Fusco, F. Federica | **Cyberbullying: The Invisible Violence of our time** (C)
- 36 • E. Gianfermi, G. Dalicco | **A changing face. Another idea of ‘face’** (C)
- 37 • A. Laconi, C. Ariani, E. Carbone, E. Carpitella, R. Cecchi, D. Festa, C. Giorgio, F. Nardi, C. Veneziani, M.L. Villella, C. Zaghi, F. Zappacosta (Common Goods sub-group of the Culture, Politics, Science and Society workshop) | **The Culture of Common Goods. Perspectives and lines of inquiry for the realization of human identity** (C)
- 38 • G. Leonelli, F. Nante, **Creativity and the creative gesture in Massimo Fagioli** (C)
- 39 • L. Masini, C. Ruggeri, **When does human life begin?** (C)
- 40 • M. Paglialunga, D.Coccoli, R.Duò | **Insanity and incapacity in criminal law** (C)
- 41 • M. Pugno, P. Botta, C. Carbonari, E. Carpitella, R. Cecchi, V. Decembrini, R. Mancini, R. Melito, M. L. Riccio, J. Trovato, F. Verginelli, Fabio, F. Virgili (Paleoanthropology, Anthropology and Origin of Language subgroup of the Culture, Politics, Science and Society workshop) | **How we became human beings. A research on our origins and evolution** (C)
- 42 • F. Taddei, S. De Gregorio | **The right of rights: euthanasia - the right to end-of-life choice** (C)
- 43 • L. Valeri | **Everything in us is human** (C)
- 44 • A. Van Reeth | **Mental health and prevention** (C)
- 45 • O. Verdi, M. Di Brigida, P. Gramigni, F. Iannaco, A. Langellotti, S. Pricci (with the contribution of the Archive and Documentary Collection workshop of the Fondazione Massimo Fagioli) | **Writings and documents about Death Instinct and Knowledge from Massimo Fagioli's archives** (C)
- 46 • F. Verginelli, M.C. Aliquò, V. Decembrini, S. Pagotto, P. Simeone, F. Tulli, F. Virgili | **Analysis of the results of genetics studies applied to mental illnesses** (C)
- 47 • B. Manfredi, C. Giangrandi, R. Dionisi, I. Iannuzzi | **The line and the development of the self** (C)

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