

VULNERABLE LIVES

Cohabitation, Violence and Difference

International Conference

On-line

31 January 2026

08:30-16:30 (London)

09:30-17:30 (Rome)

TO JOIN:

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La partecipazione all'intero Convegno prevede il riconoscimento di CFU.

Il convegno è attività formativa per il Dottorato di Ricerca in Scienze Umanistiche.

Vulnerability has emerged as one of the most pressing categories of contemporary thought: not only a marker of fragility, but also a condition of relationality and interdependence. To think vulnerability is to interrogate how lives are recognised or denied as lives, how violence shapes the limits of community, and how responsibility can be articulated in conditions of exposure. Moreover, in a present moment marked by war, migration, ecological destruction, and renewed struggles over gender and identity, the question of what it means to lead a vulnerable life is not only theoretical but urgently practical. This conference brings together international scholars to reflect on how contemporary philosophy engages with vulnerability as a condition of existence. Drawing on figures such as Simone Weil, Hannah Arendt, Judith Butler, Susan Sontag, and beyond, it explores how vulnerability reshapes our understanding of rights, violence, and difference.