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The Course of Affectivity

*Affect Theories and Affective Practices
with and beyond Paul Ricœur*

September 24–26, 2026

University of Messina (Messina, Italy)

Department of Ancient and Modern Civilization (DICAM)

Viale Giovanni Palatucci, 13, 98168 – Messina



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 — THURSDAY

September 24th, 2026

Aula Magna

10:00 – 11:00 **Registration**

11:00 **Institutional Greetings**

11:15 **Introduction**

Giovanna Costanzo (University of Messina)

Opening Remarks

Fabrizia Abbate (University of Molise), Paolo Furia (University of Turin),
Cristina Vendra (Jan Evangelista Purkyně University)

The *First edition of the Ricœur Prize 2026* announcement

12:30 – 13:30

Ricœur Prize Lecture

Jean Greisch, “*La nuit claire de l’angoisse*”: une approche
phénoménologique-herméneutique

Chair: Vinicio Busacchi

13:30 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15:00 – 16:00

KEYNOTE LECTURE I (Aula Magna)

Grammars of the Affects: Back to Paul Ricœur

Carla Canullo (University of Macerata, Italy)

Chair: Giovanna Costanzo

16:00 – 17:30

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION I

(Aula Magna)

**The Origins of Identity:
Affectivity, Agency and Will
in Ricœur**

Chair: **Paolo Furia**

• *Involuntary Affectivity,
Volition and Subjectivity in
Ricœur's Freedom and Nature*
Eftichis Pirovolakis (University
of the Peloponnese)

• *Affective Wounds: Pathic
Aspects of Identity*
Annalisa Caputo (University of
Bari)

• *Affectivity, Temporality, and
Political Agency: A Ricœurian
Interpretation*
Onur Erdal Kökerer (Duquesne
University)

SESSION II

(Aula D)

**Affective Anthropology:
Body and Ethical Resources**

Chair: **Cristina Vendra**

• *Guilty Bodies, Wounded Selves*
Martina Lodi (LUMSA –
Institute Catholique de Paris)

• *That's not fair: A Ricœurian
Phenomenology of Ethical
Indignation*
Ana Lucía Montoya Jaramillo
(Pontificia Università
Gregoriana)

• *Respect and Resources of
Goodness as Affective Roots of
Ricœur's Philosophy*
Angela Renzi (SSML
Internazionale)

18:00

Closing of the First Day Sessions

19:00 – 20:30

Café Philo

Coordinated by **Paola Ricci Sindoni**

with **Mariafilomena Anzalone, Antonino Carabellò, Giuliana Gregorio**
(Caffè Letterario, *Voltapagina*, Strada S. Giacomo, 13 – Messina)

DAY 2 — FRIDAY

September 25th, 2026

09:30 – 10:30

KEYNOTE LECTURE II (Aula Magna)

Affection and Imagination: Paul Ricœur and the Hermeneutics of Healthcare

Geoffrey Dierckxsens (Head of the Interdisciplinary Research Lab for Bioethics, Czech Republic)

Chair: **Cristina Vendra**

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION III (Aula Magna)

**Affective Anthropology:
Emotions and Hermeneutics**
Chair: **Fabrizia Abbate**

- *Between Emotion and Sentiment*
José Manuel Beato (University of Coimbra)
- *Psychology and Hermeneutics: The Perspectives of Schleiermacher and Ricœur*
Omar Brino (University of Trento)
- *L'immagination comme orientation de l'affectivité dans l'action pratique. D'après l'imagination de P. Ricœur*
Grazyna Lubowicka (University of Wrocław)

SESSION IV (Aula D)

**Vulnerability, Recognition,
and Suffering**
Chair: **Giuliana Gregorio**

- *The Situated Body*
Linda D'Angelo (University "G. d'Annunzio" Chieti-Pescara)
- *La simpatia può rivelare l'altro? Ricœur lettore di Scheler tra fenomenologia ed etica.*
Mariafilomena Anzalone (University of Basilicata)
- *Derrière le verdict : exploration du vécu subjectif dans le trouble dissociatif de l'identité : une analyse ricoeurienne*
Inès Habran (UC Louvain / University of Ottawa)

12:30 – 13:30

KEYNOTE LECTURE III (Aula Magna)

Perché punire? Il sole nero nel frammentato continente della giustizia

Francesca Brezzi (University of RomaTre, Italy)

Chair: **Paolo Furia**

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch Break

15:00 – 16:30

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION V

(Aula Magna)

Affectivity and Otherness

Chair: **Maria Laura**

Giacobello (University of Messina)

- *Suffering, Meaning and Alterity: A Comparison between Paul Ricœur and Emmanuel Levinas*

Giusy Mantarro (University of Messina)

- *Affectivity and Otherness: Ricœur's Interpretation of Heidegger's Befindlichkeit*

Sandro Gorgone (University of Messina)

SESSION VI

(Aula D)

The Capable Human Being: Affectivity, Friendship, Plasticity

Chair: **Paolo Bettineschi** (University of Messina)

- *Paul Ricœur: l'amicizia e la sfida dei chatbot*

Daniele Fazio (University of Messina)

- *L'uomo capace: dalla materia affettiva all'affettività nell'esistenza*

Vinicio Busacchi (University of Cagliari)

- *Refiguration et plasticité affective : relire mimèsis III de Ricœur à partir des neurosciences et de l'affectivité relationnelle*

Jean-Paul Nicolai (Fonds Ricœur)

17:00 – 18:00

KEYNOTE LECTURE IV (Aula Magna)

Ricœur interprete di Jaspers

Francesco Miano (University of Naples, Federico II Italy)

Chair: **Fabrizia Abbate**

18:30

Closing of the Second Day Sessions

20:00

SOCIAL DINNER

DAY 3 — SATURDAY

September 26th, 2026

09:30 – 11:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION VII (Aula Magna)

Narrative Identity and Hermeneutics

Chair: **Sandro Gorgone**
(University of Messina)

- *Pedagogic Outcomes in Ricœur's Epistemology*
Marco Sechi (Catholic University of Milan)
- *The Augmented Self and Mediated Affectivity*
Denis Chiriac (Moldova State University)
- *Ricœur's small ethics from the perspective of the ethics of reconciliation*
Martin Leiner (University of Jena)

SESSION VIII (Aula D)

Technology, Architecture, and New Affective Practices

Chair: **Maria Teresa Pacilè**
(University of Messina)

- *Happiness, Affectivity, and the Technological Other*
Anné H. Verhoef (North-West University)
- *With Paul Ricoeur: Narrative Attitudes and Affective Practices in Contemporary Architecture*
Maria Condò (Associazione Pheozémia) & Daniele Vadalà (Associazione Pheozémia)
- *Il conflitto delle emozioni. Una riflessione a partire da Ricœur*
Francesco Ferrari (University of Jena)

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30

KEYNOTE LECTURE V (Aula Magna)

Affectivity in Ricœur's Phenomenological Writings

Martino Feyles (University eCampus, Italy)

Chair: **Cristina Vendra**

12:30 – 13:45

KEYNOTE LECTURE VI (Aula Magna)

The Fear of Fragility: A Ricœurian Examination of Affectivity and the Root of Violence

Stefanie Arel (Institut Protestant de Théologie, Montpellier, France)

Chair: **Martino Feyles**

13:45

Closing Remarks