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30-31 May 2023

Aula Mazzariol Malcanton
Marcorà, Dorsoduro
3484/D, 30123 Venice
(and on zoom)

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May 30, 2023

9.45-10.00 Welcome address

10.00-10.40 **Andrea Falcon**
(University of Milan), *Do Plants
Have Feelings of Pleasure and
Pain? The Ancient Debate on
the Cognitive Powers of Plants*

10.40-11.20 **Laurence Totelin**
(Cardiff University), *The
Challenge of Plant Generation in
Theophrastus' Botanical Works*

11.20-11.40 Coffee break

11.40-12.20 **Caterina Manco**
(University of Bologna) *Stranger
Things: Plants Mutations and
Plants Adaptations in Antiquity*

12.20-13.00 **Tommaso Alpina**
(LMU Munich) *"None of these
things follows the need of nature
and the necessity of matter":
Avicenna's (New) Approach to
the Study of Plants*

13.00 Lunch break

14.00-14.40 **Jennifer Rampling**
(Princeton University),
*Vegetable or Mineral? The
Double Life of Plants in English
Alchemy*

14.40-15.20 **Guido Giglioni**
(University of Macerata),
*Plants, Giants and the Threat
of the Animated Blob: Nature
and Anti-Nature in Celio
Calcagnini's Fables*

15.20-16.00 **Fabrizio
Baldassarri** (Ca' Foscari
University of Venice), *Early
Modern Ideas for a Phytology
or a Philosophy of Plants*

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.10 **Alexandra
Cook** (University of Hong-
Kong), *Linnaeus and Plants:
Beyond Classification and
Nomenclature*

17.10-17.50 **Luca Corti**
(University of Padua),
*Classical German Philosophy
of Plants: Goethe and Hegel
on The Structure of Vegetal
Lifeform*

17.50-18.30 **Stefani
Engelstein** (Duke University),
*Symbiosis and Sympoiesis:
Pollination and Generativity
around 1800*

May 31, 2023

9.15-9.20 Welcome

9.20-10.00 **Michael Marder**
(University of the Basque
Country), *The Vegetal
Spectrality of Time: Bringing
Derrida Up to Date*

10.00-10.40 **Paco Calvo**
(University of Murcia), *Planta
Sapiens and the 'War of
Nerves': A View from the 21st
century*

10.40-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.40 **Angela Kallhoff**
(University of Wien), *Plant
Ethics: Why the Flourishing of
Plants Matters*

11.40-12.20 **Marcello Di
Paola** (University of Palermo),
Spinoza's Plant

12.20-13.00 **Bianca Bonato**
(University of Padua), *The Social
Behaviour of Plants in Today's
Comparative Psychology*

13.00 Lunch