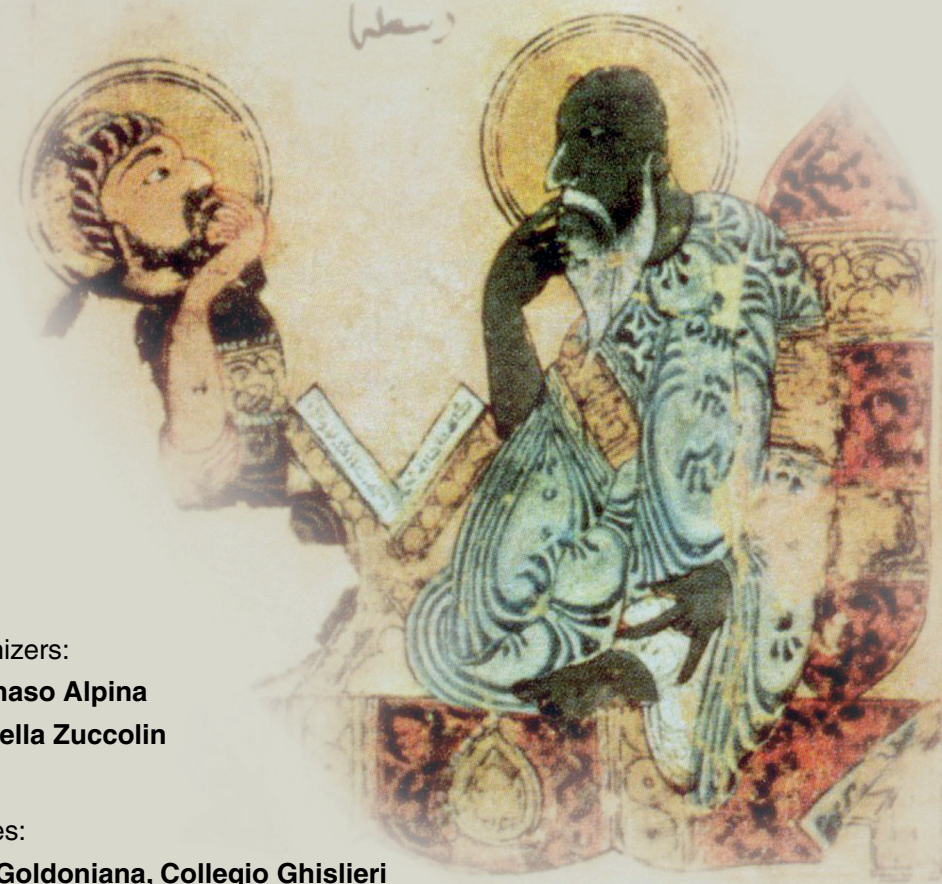


Thinking the Organic Body

Philosophy, Medicine, and Theology in
the Arabo-Islamic and Latin Traditions

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Venues:

Aula Goldoniana, Collegio Ghislieri

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09:30: Saluti istituzionali

Luca Vanzago, Direttore del Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici
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Chair: **Tommaso Alpina** (Università di Pavia)

10:00: **Amos Bertolacci** (IMT Lucca)

Great Minds Think Alike or an Organic Relation? Augustine of Hippo and Avicenna

10:45: Coffee break

11:15: **Bligh Somma** (Fordham University)

The Organic Body and the Philosopher King in al-Fārābī's *On the Perfect State*

12:00: **Cristina Cerami** (CNRS, Sphère)

Cœur, cerveau ou les deux? L'unité du vivant selon Averroès

13:00: Lunch

Chair: **Emma Gannagé** (American University of Beirut)

15:00: **Pauline Koetschet** (CNRS, Centre Léon Robin)

The Mathematical, the Physical and the Organic Body: From Galen's Treatise *On Demonstration* to Abū al-'Alā' Ibn Zuhr's *Solution to the Doubts about Galen*

15:45: **Joël Chandelier** (Université de Lausanne)

Le *De iuvamentis membrorum* galénico-arabe (XIIe s.) : origines et transmission d'un compendium anatomique mal-aimé

16:30: Coffee break

17:00: **Tommaso Alpina** (Università di Pavia)

A Matter of Temperament: Composition, Environment, and Drugs in Ibn Sīnā's Understanding of the Organic Body

20:00: Dinner

Chair: **Pasquale Porro** (Accademia dei Lincei / Università di Milano)

09:30: **Paola Bernardini** (Università degli Studi di Siena)

Becoming Human: Organic Body and Non-Organic Activities in the Medieval Latin Aristotelian Tradition

10:15: **Anna Rodolfi** (Università di Firenze)

pro voluntate et ordinatione Dei. Le débat sur le corps de l'ange dans la théologie du XIIIe siècle

11:00: Coffee break

Chair: **Gabriella Zuccolin** (Università di Pavia)

11:30: **Marilena Panarelli** (Università di Palermo)

On the Analogy between Plants and Animals: Vegetal Embryogenesis in Dino del Garbo's Commentary on Hippocrates' *De natura foetus*

12:15: **Mario Loconsole** (Università di Catania)

Gender Issues in Medieval Alchemy? Masculine and Feminine Principles in Petrus Bonus' *Pretiosa margarita novella*

13:00: Concluding remarks

13:30: Lunch

15:00: Visit to Basilica di San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro, Pavia

20:00: Dinner