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## **Dissertation**

*“A Pilgrimage from Appearance to Reality”. Genealogia della libertà nella riflessione filosofico-morale di Iris Murdoch*

**ABSTRACT:** This thesis aims to analyse and deepen the concept of freedom in the moral reflection of Iris Murdoch, eclectic British philosopher and novelist (1919-1999). The main purpose is to focus on Murdoch’s philosophical contribution in order to reshape the absolute scope attributed to an abstract and formalistic conception of freedom, which diminishes its concrete determinations and actual conditions of development. Themes dear to Murdoch, such as virtue, the good, and attention, will be interpreted as indispensable elements for a progressive and substantial maturation of freedom, an ongoing and never-ending «pilgrimage» of self-flourishing. It is precisely these anthropological and moral conditions of development of freedom that will be considered as the substantial foundation through which one can also posit a formally conceived freedom.

## **Research interests / Fields of expertise**

Moral Philosophy

Virtue Ethics

Ethics of Care

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