



INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL PROGRAM

**Contemporary Humanism
2023 Annual Seminar**

Rethinking (and Rebuilding) Trust in Contemporary Societies

20-25 August 2023
Australian Catholic University – Rome Campus
Largo Giovanni Berchet, 4
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In-person and online event

ABSTRACT

Contemporary societies experience a widespread crisis of trust. Political, economic, scientific, educational, and religious institutions are increasingly affected by it. The protests against the vaccination for Covid-19, the abstention on the occasion of general and local elections, the increasingly widespread questioning of the opinion of the experts, the growing fortune of the various conspiracy theories, the polarization in the

Church and in society, are just some symptoms of a transversal and radical crisis, potentially capable of undermining the very foundations of civil coexistence. Individual and collective existences are based, in fact, on trust.

The Seminar will deal with questions like the following: What is trust? What does it mean to trust somebody at a personal or social level? How to rebuild trust?

	20 AUG	21 AUG	22 AUG	23 AUG	24 AUG	25 AUG
7.30am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9am		Introduction Stefano Biancu (LUMSA) <i>Why Trust matters (and why we should care about it)</i>	Presentations Cecilia Benassi Pawel Bernacki [online] Pierangelo Bianco (Moderator: R. Cheaib)	Presentations Victoria Bauer Silvia Conti (Moderator: C. Pesaresi)	Presentations Filippo Benedetti Federico Rudari (Moderator: P. Howard)	Keynote Gabriella Agrusti & Valeria Damiani (LUMSA) <i>Building Communities of Trust through Civic and Citizenship Education</i>
10.30 am		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11am		Presentations Jan Juhani Steinmann Gaël Trottmann-Calame [online] (Moderator: S. Biancu)	Presentations Jérémie Supiot Costanza Vizzani (Moderator: R. Sharkey)	Presentations Christophe Herzog Marco Tassella (Moderator: T. Bartolomei)	Keynote Peter Howard (ACU) <i>"A paradise inhabited by devils": reflections on trust in Renaissance Florence</i>	Common discussion and Conclusions
1pm		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch and departures
2.30pm	Arrivals	Keynote Robert Cheaib (UCLy) <i>Between Religious Faith and Existential Trust</i>	Keynote Ronan Sharkey (ICP) <i>Conditions of Trust and Betrayal: rules, virtues and forms of life</i>	Keynote Teresa Bartolomei (UCP) <i>Trust in the Unexpected</i>	Presentations Francesca Fioretti Dany López González [online] (Moderator: V. Damiani)	Management Committee Meeting
4pm	Arrivals	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	