

# word & object

## 50 YEARS LATER

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Via Carlo Fea, 2 - Villa Mirafiori - Room I

### FRIDAY, MAY 28TH

08.30 – 9.00: Registration  
9.00 – 9.30: Welcome

9.30-10.30 Plenary Session: STEPHEN L. WHITE (Tufts University)  
Indeterminacy of Translation: Fifty Years Later.  
Discussant: Francesca Ervas (Institut Jean Nicod, Paris)  
Chair: Tito Magri ('La Sapienza' University of Rome)

Coffee Break 10.30 – 11.00

Chair: Vera Tripodi (University of Oslo)  
11.00 – 11.30 MANON SCHOTMAN (University of Amsterdam, NL)  
Radical Translation and Radical Interpretation: Radically Different  
11.30 – 12.00 FREDERIQUE JANSSEN-LAURET (Archè Research Centre,  
University of St Andrews)  
Name and Object: Quinean Descriptivism and Ontological Commitment  
12.00 – 12.30 ANDREA SERENI (Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan) –  
JACOB BUSH (University of Aarhus, Denmark)  
Indispensability Arguments and their Quinean Heritage  
12.30 – 13.00 ROBERT M. FARLEY (University of Illinois at Chicago, US)  
Quine's Indispensability Argument

Lunch: 13.00 – 15.00

15.00 – 16.00 Plenary Session: CESARE COZZO ('La Sapienza' University of Rome)  
"Quine's argument for meaning holism"  
Discussant: Daniele Santoro (LUISS, Rome)  
Chair: Roberto Cordeschi ('La Sapienza' University of Rome)

Coffee Break 16.00 – 16.30

Chair: Mario De Caro (University of Rome III)  
16.30 – 17.00 ANNA CIAUNICA (University of Burgundy, France)  
Back to Gaps! - Naturalizing the Psychophysical Link  
17.00 – 17.30 GIANCARLO ZANET (University of Palermo, Italy)  
Quine and the contemporary debate on mindreading  
17.30 – 18.00 FRANCESCA BOCCUNI (University of Padua, Italy)  
Sheep without SOL: The Case of Second-Order Logic  
18.00 – 18.30 GAETANO ALBERGO (University of Catania, Italy)  
Metaphysical foundation of logical constants

Dinner

### SATURDAY, MAY 29TH

9.30 – 10.30 Plenary Session: ALBERTO VOLTOLINI (University of Turin)  
All the existences that there are  
Discussant: Andrea Borghini (Holy Cross, Massachusetts)  
Chair: Roberto Pujia (University of Rome III)

Coffee Break 10.30 – 11.00

Chair: Stefano Vaselli ('La Sapienza' University of Rome)  
11.00 – 11.30 JUAN JOSÉ LARA PEÑARANDA (University of Murcia, Spain)  
Inscrutability of reference, ontological relativism and ontological underdetermination  
11.30 – 12.00 ANTTI KESKINEN (University of Tampere, Finland)  
Quine's Critique of Modal Logic and His Conception of Objects  
12.00 – 12.30 GABRIEL TARZIU (University of Bucharest, Romania)  
Quine's way to realism about mathematics  
12.30 – 13.00 MARIANNA ANTONUTTI (University of Bristol, UK)  
Naturalising Mathematics: A Critical Look at the Quine-Maddy Debate

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