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1 December

10:15 — 10:45
Welcome greetings

Daniele Franco
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Marco Pasi
EPHE – PSL, HHP – University of Amsterdam

10:45 — 11:45
Keynote speaker

Natasha Heller
University of Virginia

"Better to Be a Riverside Tree": Reading Hanshan in Climate Crisis

11:45 — 12:00
COFFEE BREAK

12:00 — 13:00
Panel: From Middle Ages to Renaissance

Stefania S. Buosi Moncunill
Sciència.cat, University of Barcelona

The Elixir as Universal Medicine: Longevity and Spiritual Transformation in the Occitan-Catalan Alchemical Tradition (13th–16th Centuries)

Dunja Rašić
Tampere University, MIAS

Lead into Gold: Muslims and Alchemists from the Kingdom of Minerals

14:30 — 16:00
Panel: Renaissance

Maria Koutsouris
Boston University

How to Live A Long Life: Marsilio Ficino's *Three Books of Life* as a Theurgic Guide for Immortality

Yasemin Kınay
Marmara University

Holistic Therapy Against Aging in Marsilio Ficino's *De Vita*: The Healing of Spiritus

Georgios Steiris
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Growing Old in a Eutopia

2 December

10:15 — 11:45
Panel: Contemporary Americas

Erwan Dianteill
Université Paris Cité

From Initiation to Funeral Rite: Concentration, Dispersion, and the Permanence of the Ritual Person in Cuban Santería

Brett Grainger
Villanova University

Fieldwork in the Land of the Dead: Shamanism, Sound, and the Ethnography of the Afterlife

Alysiana Carter and Pablo Vazquez
Graduate Theological Union

Death Work and Reborn Gods: Psychedelic Ontologies of Death and Dying

11:45 — 12:00
COFFEE BREAK

12:00 — 13:00
Panel: Contemporary Asia and MENA

Luis Fernando Bernardi Junqueira
University College London

Overcoming Death: Mental Healing for Longevity in Early 20th-Century East Asia

Feiyao Liao
University of Texas at Austin

Oceanic Transhumanism: Cultivating "Comfort" in Freediving Practice in Sinai Peninsula, Egypt

14:30 — 16:00
Panel: Modern and Contemporary Europe

Antonio de Diego González
University of Malaga

The Body of Christian Rosenkreuz: Alchemical Longevity, Masonic Rebirth, and Modern Myths of Immortality

Steven J. Sutcliffe
The Open University

Nature Spirituality as Post-Christian "Immortality Project"? The Example of "Soft Paganism" in Scotland

Nicola Maria Camerlengo
University of Ordu, University of Konya, University of Salamanca

The Frashokereti Upgrade: Zoroastrian Cosmic Evolution, Post-Human Transcendence, and Lived Religion in Contemporary Europe

3 December

10:15 — 11:15
Panel: Transhumanism I

Vikram Murthi
Independent Researcher

The Immortality Complex: Consciousness, Eschatology, and Humanity's Continuing Conversation with Mortality

Emanuele Palumbo
University of Padua, University of Turin

Sacred Time in the Digital Space: Religious Temporality between Classical Frameworks and Digital Well-Being

11:15 — 11:30
COFFEE BREAK

11:30 — 12:30
Panel: Transhumanism II

Yaiza Hernández Escobar
University of Barcelona, Ucl Ioi Institute of London

Flesh That Will Not Age: Looksmaxxing, the Manosphere, and the Emergence of a Grassroots Post-Humanist Soteriology

Patricia K. Tillman
University of Maryland-Global Campus

Death before Upload: Where are the Women Transhumanists?

14:00 — 15:00
Panel: Transhumanism III

Tracy J. Trothen
Queen's University

Grief Bots and Spiritual Needs: AI, Meaning-Making, and Mortality

Francesco Piraino
Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

The Radicalization of Transhumanism: Peter Thiel's Eschatological Politics

15:00 — 15:30
Concluding remarks / Plenary