

# Reassessing Foucault's Transhistorical and Transdisciplinary Legacy

Fully Virtual Conference

30–31 January 2026 | English



**Day 1: Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 – 9:10 a.m.**

**Opening & Welcome**

by Alessandro Di Ludovico

(Sapienza University of Rome; Museo Barracco of Rome, Italy)

**9:10 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Keynote Address – “Foucault and the Nature of Rights”**

Paul Patton

(University of New South Wales, Australia)

**10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

Coffee Break

**10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Panel 1: Foundations of Power and Biopolitics**

*Chair: Philipp Kender*

“Everything, Everywhere, All So Foucauldian”

Matko Krce-Ivančić

(Institute for Tourism, Zagreb, Croatia)

“The Problem of Naturalization. Double Transference in Marx/Engels and Foucault”

Ralf Gisinger

(University of Vienna, Austria)

“In Defense of Anti-Psychiatry: Reassessing and Rereading Foucault's Madness and Civilization”

John Gillespie Jr.

(University of California, USA)

“To recapture Madness ‘in all its vivacity’ The Problem of the Prediscursive in Michel Foucault's Study of Madness”

Michał Grabarek

(KU Leuven, Netherlands)

“Reconfiguring Acculturation: Disciplinary Power, Biopolitics, and Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China's Urban Space”

Susan Qu

(University of Cambridge, United Kingdom)

“From Gaza to Paris: Biopolitical Racism and the Securitization of Muslims in France”

Enrico Maria la Forgia

(University of Padua, Italy)

“Producing Non-Citizens: Unverifiable Citizenship in Contemporary India”

Tirthadeep Mitra

(IIT Delhi, India)

**Panel Discussion**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Lunch Break

**2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Panel 2: Subjectivity , Resistance and Counter-Conducts**

*Chair: Andrea Di Carlo*

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| “Neo-Liberalism’s Womb, Power and Resistance: Surrogacy in Foucauldian Perspective”  | P. K Abdul Rahiman<br>(University of Madras, India)<br>& Kumari Sunitha. V<br>(Madras Christian College, India) |
| “Counter-Conducts in the Age of Reformation: Confession and Pastoral Power in the History of the Church”                         | Giuseppe Vena<br>(LUMSA, Rome, Italy)   |
| “Resisting Subjectivation Practices: 'Safe Sex' as a Regime of Truth and ‘Bug Chasing’ as Counter-Conduct in the Context of HIV” | Cristian González Arévalo<br>(University of Freiburg, Germany)  |
| “The Phantasma of the Chicken Farmer: Thinking Fascism with Foucault”  | Jonas Oßwald<br>(University of Vienna, Austria)   |
| “Producing Female Sexuality: Reassessing Foucault’s Dispositif Through 1970s Feminist Critiques”                                 | Andreea Elena Gabara<br>(University of Milan, Italy)  |
| “The Tokal Phenomenon in Kazakhstan: Intersecting the Dispositifs of Sexuality and Security”                                     | Rustam Burnashev & Irina Chernykh<br>(Kazakh-German University, Almaty, Kazakhstan)                             |
| “Michel Foucault and the Seal of Confession in European Law”   | Daniel Czerniawski<br>(Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland)   |

**Panel Discussion**

**5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Coffee Break & Networking

**Day 2: Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Panel 3: Sexuality, Discourse and Normativity**

*Chair: Cristian González Arévalo*

- “The Politics of Childhood in a Foucauldian Framework: Andrea Ierna  
The ‘Idiot’ and the ‘Onanist’ as Dispositifs of Normalization” (University of Verona, Italy)
- “A Sociolinguistic Critique of the Foucauldian Paradigm Shift View of Sexuality” Nicholas Lo Vecchio  
(Independent Researcher, France)
- “Foucault’s Queer-Classical Education” Bronte Cronsberry  
(Western University, London, Canada)
- “Visual Culture and Voyeurism in Foucault and Moravia” Ilaria Ottria  
(Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy)
- “Bodies in Between: Towards a Feminist and Plural Biopolitics of the Body” Laura Ercoli  
(Independent Researcher, France)
- “M. Foucault: Reproduction, Biopolitics and the Feminist Perspective” Matteo Gonfiantini  
(Independent scholar)
- “Michel Foucault’s History of Sexuality (or History of Truth) as the Beginning of Humanities Education” Kamil Aftyka  
(University of Warsaw, Poland)

**Panel Discussion**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Lunch Break

**1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Panel 4: Applied Foucault**

*Chair: Enrico Maria La Forgia*

- “The Paleontological Field through the Prism of Heterotopia” Lucy Charpie  
(Artist),  
Laura Restrepo Giraldo  
(Independent Researcher),  
Aurore Franco-Ricord  
(Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France)  
& Lee Rozada  
(CNRS, France)
- “Architecture and Cinema: Foucault and a History of Spaces” Fernanda Aguiar Carneiro Martins  
(Federal University of Recôncavo de Bahia, Brazil)

“Beyond Biopolitics and Enframing: Indigenous Futurism as a Speculative Paradigm for Environmental Governance”	Ninio Sagucom (Notre Dame University, Cotabato City, Philippines)
“Gender and Power in Contemporary Brazil”	Chrysi Tsolaki (University of Salzburg, Austria)
“Cold War Theory? Historicising Foucault’s Analysis of Power”	Philipp Kender (University of Kent, United Kingdom)
“Digital Asceticism: Self-Optimization as Neoliberal Governmentality”	Hayarpi Sahakyan (Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia)

### **Panel Discussion**

**4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
Coffee Break & Networking

**4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
Closing Session: Synthesis & Open Discussion  
*Moderated by the Organizing Committee*

### **Link to participate:**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/33572081667717?p=x5M7FzbsHlCx8EGrWD>  
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