

Workshop

Organic Forms and Figurative Thoughts

6 July 2026
15:30 - 17:45
In English

Organized by Federica Di Blasio
With Christy Wampole

Through the discussion of selected readings the workshop investigates the generative capacity of organic metaphors—roots, degeneration, mutation, etc.—as critical and creative frameworks for thinking figurality. Why is this tendency so prevalent in literature but also political and philosophical writing? What are the limits and risks of applying organic metaphors to non-organic things?

Lecture

Forms of Radicality Christy Wampole

6 July 2026
19:00
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This lecture explores the rich history and the variety of meanings of radicality, a term that connects roots and left-wing politics. Its etymology leads to the Latin *radix* or root, inviting associations with origins, anchoring, sustenance, and the subterranean. In the civic realm, the term is often associated with an extreme politics that departs from tradition and moderation. Relying on European examples, this lecture tracks various deployments of the term in politics and philosophy from the 18th century to present and shows the breadth of meanings radicality has acquired through the centuries.

