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**NewHums Research Centre – Neurocognitive and Humanities Studies**

**International NeuroHumanities Studies Network**

**University of Catania**

6th NHS Dialogue 2019

**Beauty and Embodiment in the Arts**

24-25 May 2019

Catania, Benedictine Monastry, Machiavelli Theatre

**24th May**

**Coro di Notte, Benedictine Monastery**

9.30-9.45

Opening and welcome

Rector Magnificus

Head of the Department DISUM

9.45 - 10.15

Renata Gambino, Grazia Pulvirenti

*Tracing embodiment in the Eighteenth Century*

**Chair: …**

10.15 - 10.45

Amy Cook

*Cognitive contagion: thinking with and through theatre*

10.45 - 11.00

Discussion

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 - 12.00

Alexander Bergs

*Language and Embodiment*

12.00 - 12.30

Sara Uboldi

*Metamorphosis, Deixis and Embodiment. A case study: Lampedusa’s final masterpiece* Lighea

12.30 - 13.00

Discussion

13.00-15.00

Lunch

**Chair: Daniela Giordano**

15.00 - 15.45

Vittorio Gallese

*Embodied Simulation and its Role in Aesthetic Experience*

15.45 - 16.15

Discussion

16.15 - 16.45

Fausto Caruana

*The Double Life of Facial Expressions, from emotional displays to communicative gestures*

16.45 - 17.15

Coffee Break

17.15 - 17.45

Stefano Ballerio

*"Passion”: Embodiment, Interpretation, and the Language of Emotions*

17.45 - 18.15

Pierre Louis Patoine

*Joycean Text / Empathic Reader: A Modest Contribution to Literary Neuroaesthetics*

18.15 - 19.00

Discussion

20.30

Social Dinner

**25th May**

**Coro di Notte, Benedictine Monastery**

**Chair: …**

9.30 - 10.15

Monika Fludernik

*The Sublime as Embodied Aesthetic*

10.15 - 10.45

Discussion

10.45 - 11.15

Jan Söffner

*The Bodily Meaning of Narrative. Why language processing is such a hard task for AI*

11.15 - 11.45

Coffee Break

11.45 - 12.15

Pascal Nicklas & Emine Gurbutz

*Emotional Contagion in Reading Fiction: Insights from Psychological Responses*

12.15 - 12.45

Discussion

Lunch

**Machiavelli Theatre**

**Chair: …**

15.00 - 15.30

Benito Elìas Garcìa

*Some Challenges of embodying Japanese Aesthetics*

15.30 - 16.00

Semir Zeki

*Beauty in the Brain*

16.00 - 17.30

Final Roundtable