



# The Sant'Anna Institute Student Interdisciplinary Symposium with Honors Option

(April 14th, 2022)



## Program

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(ID meeting: 891 0014 7828, Passcode: 093875)

**8.15 am ET - Opening remarks**

**Session 1 - 8.30 - 9.45 am ET**

Moderator: Domenico Palumbo (Sant'Anna Institute)

**Life and Literature**

Felicia Helmlinger, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, *Narrative Interactional Research on Transnational Adoptees*

Jessica Watson (Saint Louis University - Sant'Anna Institute), *Il Degrado dell'Umanità*

Margaret Leahy (Susquehanna University - Sant'Anna Institute) and Andrew Williams (St. Lawrence University - Sant'Anna Institute), *Contemporary Italian Writers and War*

**Session 2 - 10 am - 11 am ET**

**Italian Language and Literature**

Moderator: Marco Marino (Sant'Anna Institute)

Nick Simonetti, Brandeis University, *A Letter to Dante*

Dante La Penna, University of Toronto Mississauga, *Reinventare la classe di lingua per promuovere un ambiente di apprendimento più comunicativo, inclusivo e interattivo*

**Session 3 - 11.15 am - 12.30 pm ET**

**History and Politics**

Moderator: Alessandro Buffa ("Orientale" University of Naples and Sant'Anna Institute)

Maggi Karagosian, Ohio University, *Money Talks... and Votes: How Campaign Finances Influence Senatorial Votes in the 116th Congress.*

Skyler Bergeron (St. Lawrence University), *The Role of Queer Liberation in Establishing an Anti-Fascist Spain*

Laura Soran (Texas State University), *The Afro-Italian woman and Fascism*

**Session 4 – 12.45 pm – 1.45 pm ET**

**Empowering Communities**

Moderator: Marco Marino (Sant'Anna Institute)

Darya Davidouskaya (Luther College), *Being community: Uncertainty management strategies of international students in their adaptation to Luther College*

Amna Al Obaidi (St. Lawrence University) *Negotiating Conditions of Possibility: Redefining Iraqi Women's Empowerment and Mental Health across the Diaspora*