

*Aretai - Center on Virtues*

Third Annual Conference

***"Virtue Ethics and Psychology: Towards a New Science of Virtues?"***

Under the auspices of the Northwestern Italian Consortium for PhD Program in Philosophy (FINO) and the Italian Society for Moral Philosophy (SIFM)

European University of Rome  
Via degli Aldobrandeschi 190, Rome  
October 18th-20th 2018

CALL FOR PAPERS

After two conferences in Genoa, this year's *Aretai* annual conference will be held at the European University of Rome. The main purpose of the conference is to investigate the link between virtue theory and current psychological research. The conference aims at inquiring into the connections between virtue ethics and different branches of psychology from a methodological, conceptual and applied perspective, with special focus on educational implications. We aim at gathering scholars interested in the virtues from both a philosophical and a psychological approach, who can contribute to the advancement of a plausible, empirically-informed virtue-ethical program.

**Invited speakers:**

Mario De Caro (Roma Tre)  
Antonella DelleFave (Milan)  
Christian B. Miller (Wake Forest)  
Darcia Narvaez (Notre Dame)  
Jonathan Webber (Cardiff)

With the aim of including as many contributions as possible, the conference will be structured around plenary sessions with lectures given by the invited speakers, and parallel sessions with the contributed papers selected by double blind review. The contributed papers should last 30 minutes (presentation + discussion). Abstracts of about 500 words (references included), prepared for blind refereeing, should be sent as email attachments to [virtuesrome@gmail.com](mailto:virtuesrome@gmail.com).

Possible contributions should refer to (at least) one of the three following sections and address one or more of their thematic areas:

**1. Methodology**

Relationship between the normative dimension of virtue ethics and the descriptive one of psychology

Possible fruitful interaction between virtue ethics and psychology

Positive and social psychology as powerful resources for inquiring into the nature of virtues

Virtue as a character trait empirically plausible

Psychological research on the idea of the primacy of virtues over general norms

## **2. Addressing the situationist challenge**

Prediction of thinking, feeling, and acting from situational factors.  
Virtues as global or local traits  
Distinction between high-fidelity virtues and low-fidelity virtues  
The thesis of the unity or reciprocity of the virtues  
The so-called "surprising dispositions"

## **3. Educational applications**

Psychological evidence on virtue acquisition  
Virtue-as-skill paradigm

### **Important Dates:**

Deadline for submissions: May 30th, 2018

Communication of acceptance: June 15th, 2018

Accepted abstracts will be available at the conference in booklet form and also available online before the conference.

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The language of the conference is English.

### **Registration**

Participation in the conference is subject to a registration fee. The "standard" registration includes lunch on October 18 and 19, plus conference booklet and coffee and tea on the three days. The "social" registration includes also the social dinner on Friday, October 19.

#### **EARLY Registration** (before August 30)

FACULTY: *Standard*: 70 euros - *Social*: 100 euros

OTHERS (MA and PhD students): *Standard*: 60 euros - *Social*: 80 euros

#### **LATE Registration** (after August 30)

FACULTY: *Standard*: 100 euros - *Social*: 140 euros

OTHERS (MA and PhD students): *Standard*: 80 euros - *Social*: 100 euros

In order to pay the registration fee, please check the page Registration on the website <https://virtuesrome.weebly.com> or send an email to [virtuesrome@gmail.com](mailto:virtuesrome@gmail.com)