

CALL FOR PAPERS

Intinto di Morte e Conoscenza [*Death Instinct and Knowledge, M.Fagioli, L'asinod d'oro Ed.*] is the first book written by psychiatrist **Massimo Fagioli (1931-2017)**.

It was published in **January 1972**, and currently has reached its **14th Italian edition**, and has also been translated into **German, English and French**. The book is considered the bedrock of what has been defined as **Human Birth Theory**.

To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the publication, the Massimo Fagioli Foundation is organizing an **International Conference that will be held in Rome, Italy, the 18- 19 November 2022**.

The International Conference will focus on Fagioli's research on and discovery of the dynamics occurring at human birth and how human birth represents the prime neurobiological event of the human mind and thought.

The Italian psychiatrist's conceptualization of the physiology of the mind (**Human Birth Theory**) provides a new perspective on human beings while setting the basis for a new psychodynamic approach to psychotherapy.

IMPORTANT DATES

The Conference will be held in Rome in a hybrid format on the **18th and 19th of November 2022**

The deadline to submit papers is **April 15th, 2022**

Authors are invited to submit an extended abstract of their papers (approximately 5,000 characters), together with references, at the following link:

<https://www.fondazionemassimofagioli.it/50years-call-for-papers>

The deadline to submit posters is **May 15th, 2022**

Those who are interested in presenting a poster are invited to submit a title and a brief description of contents at the following link:
<https://www.fondazionemassimofagioli.it/50years-call-for-papers>

Notification of acceptance **15th July 2022**

The Scientific Committee will inform authors about the acceptance of papers and posters by July 15th, 2022.

SUBMISSION OF EXTENDED ABSTRACTS AND POSTERS

The Massimo Fagioli Foundation is pleased to invite authors to submit papers or posters; these should be relevant to Human Birth Theory, its implications in the study and treatment of mental illnesses, and its role in other scientific or cultural domains.

The following list of topics can be considered as indicative. Contributions related to any other aspect of the theory put forward in Death Instinct and Knowledge, in the fields of natural, human, and social sciences, will also be welcome.

THEMATIC AREAS

A. Psychiatry, psychotherapy, and developmental psychology

1. Fagioli's conceptualization of the death instinct and its involvement in the process of knowledge: a historical confrontation with organicism, phenomenological psychiatry, traditional psychoanalysis and developmental psychology.
2. Differentiating between the following terms: pulsion and instinct, identity and identification, indifference and the lack of affectivity, refusal and negation, memory-fantasy and conscious recollection.
3. Universal characteristics and the potential of the original self at birth.
4. Psychiatric and psychotherapeutic identity: a new etiologic and methodological model for the treatment of psychosis and depression, and for clinical practice based on the interpretation of dreams.

B. Neonatology and bioethics.

1. Fetal and neonatal neurology: the transformation of the human brain at birth.
2. The importance of the first year of life for child mental development.
3. Defining the beginning and the end of human life and its bioethical implications.

C. The socio-cultural context and its implications.

1. Fagioli's theorization in the cultural, historical and social context of the '60s and the '70s.
2. Non-rational thought as the cornerstone of human beings' achievement and role in scientific research and discovery process.
3. The anthropological, philosophical and socio-political implications of Human Birth Theory.
4. Acknowledgment of Death Instinct and knowledge and its impact on Italian and international cultural milieus.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

This year is very special for the Massimo Fagioli Foundation. We are celebrating 50 years since the first edition of **“Death Instinct & Knowledge”** (M.Fagioli, *L'asino d'oro* ed).

To mark this special occasion, and ensure that speakers and delegates can access the Conference wherever they are around the world the Foundation is organising a hybrid event. The two-day conference will be held in Rome, Italy, on the 18 -19 of November, and digitally to bring the conference to those who are unable to attend in person. **The Final Agenda will be available on the 31st of August 2022.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Luigi Cancrini

Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist, former Professor of Psychiatry, at the Sapienza University of Rome.

Joanna E. Chambers

Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and OB/GYN, Indiana University School of Medicine.

Paolo Girardi

Psychiatrist, former Professor of Psychiatry, at the Sapienza University of Rome.

ROUND TABLES

Two round tables will take place with scholars and experts from different countries to discuss two topics of fundamental interest for the Conference:

- Dynamic psychotherapy in the light of Human Birth Theory: an international comparison
- Non-rational thinking and human identity

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Francesca Fagioli, psychiatrist and psychotherapist, chairwoman of the Conference

Scientific Committee:

Ernesto Longobardi (chairman), Elisabetta Amalfitano, Carlo Anzilotti, David Armando, Alessia Barbagli, Martina Brandizzi, Paola Casolini, Giusi De Santis, Letizia Del Pace, Matteo Fago, Domenico Fagnoli, Francesco Fagnoli, Paolo Fiori Nastro, Maria Gabriella Gatti, Paola Gramigni, Annelore Homberg, Andreas Iacarella, Cecilia Iannaco, Nella Lo Cascio, Ilaria Maccari, Alice Masillo, Andrea Masini, Federico Masini, Elena Monducci, Ada Montellanico, David Natali, Fernando Panzera, Elena Pappagallo, Martina Patanè, Daniela Polese, Andrea Raballo, Ugo Tonietti, Andrea Ventura, Fabio Virgili.

CONFERENCE ORGANISER

The Conference is organised by the Massimo Fagioli Foundation.

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