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**Conferência | 7 de Julho 2023 | 16h00 | Elettra Stimilli (Università La Sapienza, Roma, Itália)**

**Sessão presencial:** Salão Nobre de Palácio Ceia, Universidade Aberta

**Sessão online:** <https://videoconf-colibri.zoom.us/j/92118993808>

**Title:** “Bodies as political means”

**Abstract:** If today politics is identified with mere administration, fundamentally understood as the 'organisation of means', my aim is to show the consequences of this phenomenon in relation to the secondary role assumed by the 'means' in philosophical discourse, basically aimed at elaborating rationality as a faculty capable of defining supreme ends by obscuring bodies. In the face of the overwhelming power of the market and the crisis of classical institutions, as result of the western rationalisation process, the ultimate horizon of this intervention is to show how the challenge of our times is to make bodies real political means, unavoidable vehicles for new symbolic orders, at the same time singular and common..

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“The Debt of the Living” (ed. it. 2011), Suny Press, New York 2017 (spanish. transl. by Pretextos 2019);

“Debt and Guilt” (ed. it. 2015), Bloomsbury, London 2018 (spanish. transl. by Herder, 2020);

“Jacob Taubes. Sovranità e tempo messianico” (ed. it. 2004, 2019); (spanish. transl. by los Libros del Tabanos, 2020; forthcoming in English by Bloomsbury).

“Filosofia dei mezzi. Per una nuova politica dei corpi”, Neri Pozzi, Vicenza 2023.