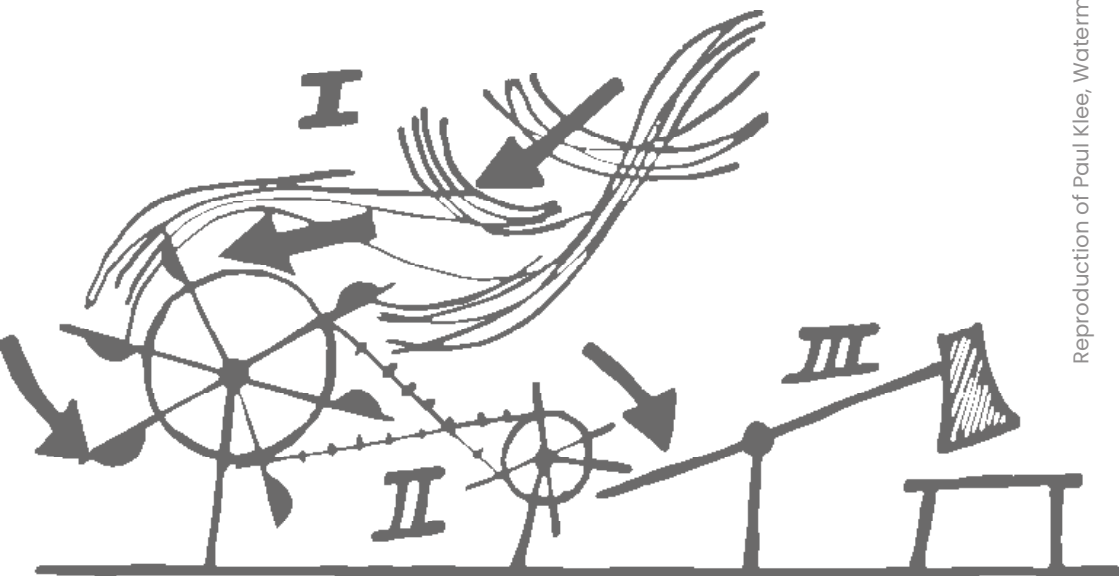




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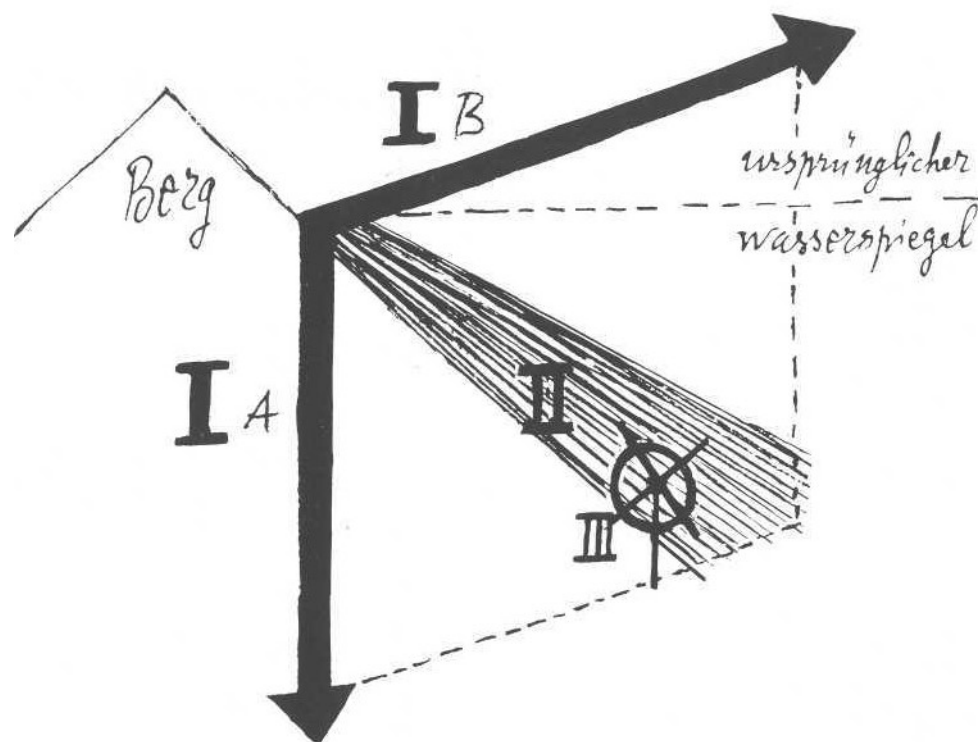
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27TH OCTOBER 2025

08.30 – 09.00 | Registration → AULA DONATONI

09.00 – 09.30 → SALONE MARESCOTTI

Welcome and Presentation of the Conference

Riccardo Brizzi (Director of the Department of the Arts – University of Bologna)

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09.30 – 11.00 | Opening Conference → SALONE MARESCOTTI

Tongdong Bai (Fudan University, Shanghai) – *On Time and History in Early Chinese Philosophical Traditions: And Han Fei Zi's Rebellion Against Them*

Chair: Christiane Liermann Traniello (Villa Vigoni – German-Italian Centre for European Dialogue)

11.30 – 13.30

→ SALONE MARESCOTTI

Panel 1

Images of Historical Times

→ AULA CAMINO

Panel 4

Difference and Repetition in Conceptual Change

14.30 – 16.30

→ SALONE MARESCOTTI

Panel 7

Iconography and Art History

→ AULA CAMINO

Panel 10

Biological and Medical Metaphors for History: Body, Health, and Disease

→ AULA SECCI

Panel 2

Architecture, Monuments, and Political Iconology

→ AULA CRUCIANI

Panel 5

Democracy in Germanic Europe 1770-1870

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Panel 8

Time and History in Ancient Philosophy 1/ Archaic and Classical Period

→ AULA CRUCIANI

Panel 11

Climate Change

→ AULA COLONNE

Panel 3

Concepts of Politics and Power

→ AULA FERRERO

Panel 6

Writing History: Truth, Testimony, and Fiction

→ AULA COLONNE

Panel 9

Rhetorical Strategies of Ideological Concepts

→ AULA FERRERO

Panel 12

Faces of Modernisation

17.00 – 19.00

→ SALONE MARESCOTTI

Panel 13
Biopolitics and Political Theology

→ AULA SECCI

Panel 14
Time and History in Ancient Philosophy 2/ Hellenistic Period

→ AULA COLONNE

Panel 15
Dichotomies of the Cardinal Points: West/ East, North/South

→ AULA CAMINO

Panel 16
Metaphors of Ruin and Crisis

→ AULA CRUCIANI

Panel 17
Political Iconology

→ AULA FERRERO

Panel 18
Semantics and Pragmatics of Political Concepts

19.45 – 20.30 | Evening Event → SALONE MARESCOTTI

Special Panel

Journal Publishing 101: Contributions to the History of Concepts

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09.00 – 10.30 | Conference → SALONE MARESCOTTI

Sandro Chignola (University of Padova)
European and Global Images of Sovereignty

Chair: Maurizio Ricciardi (University of Bologna)

11.00 – 13.00

→ SALONE MARESCOTTI

Panel 19
Periodising and Visualising History

→ AULA SECCI

Panel 20
Histories of Concepts 1/ Crisis and Revolution

→ AULA COLONNE

Panel 21
Culture Wars, Religious Conflict, and Conceptual Change

→ AULA CAMINO

Panel 22
Technology, Virtual Reality, and Temporal Acceleration

→ AULA CRUCIANI

Panel 23
Power and State in Central and Eastern Europe in the Long-Nineteenth Century

→ AULA FERRERO

Panel 24
Regimes of Historicity

14.30 – 16.30

→ SALONE MARESCOTTI

Panel 25
Metaphorology and Conceptual History

→ AULA SECCI

Panel 26
Historical Materialism/1

→ AULA COLONNE

Panel 27
Emotions and Temporality

→ AULA CAMINO

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Beyond Sankofa: Images and Metaphors of Historical Times in 20th Century West Africa

→ AULA CRUCIANI

Panel 29
Intellectual History Perspectives on Historical Time/1

→ AULA FERRERO

Panel 30
Histories of Concepts 2/ Democracy

17.00 – 19.00

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The 20th Century in Basic Concepts: Encyclopedia of Historical Semantics in Germany. Approaches, Contributions, Challenges

→ AULA SECCI

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Historical Materialism/2

→ AULA COLONNE

Panel 33
Literary and Cultural Perspectives

→ AULA CAMINO

Panel 34
Constitutions and Empire in the Nineteenth Century

→ AULA CRUCIANI

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Intellectual History Perspectives on Historical Time/2

→ AULA FERRERO

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Histories of Concepts 3/ Education

19.30 – 20.30 | Evening Event → SALONE MARESCOTTI

Special Panel/2
Book Presentation

29TH OCTOBER 2025

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Claudia Mattos Avolese (Tufts University, Boston | University of Campinas, São Paulo)
Performing Macunaima: The Imaginary of History in Indigenous Contemporary Art in Brazil

Chair: Chiara Tartarini (University of Bologna)

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→ **SALONE MARESCOTTI**

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→ **AULA COLONNE**

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Comparative Histories of Worldview

→ **AULA SECCI**

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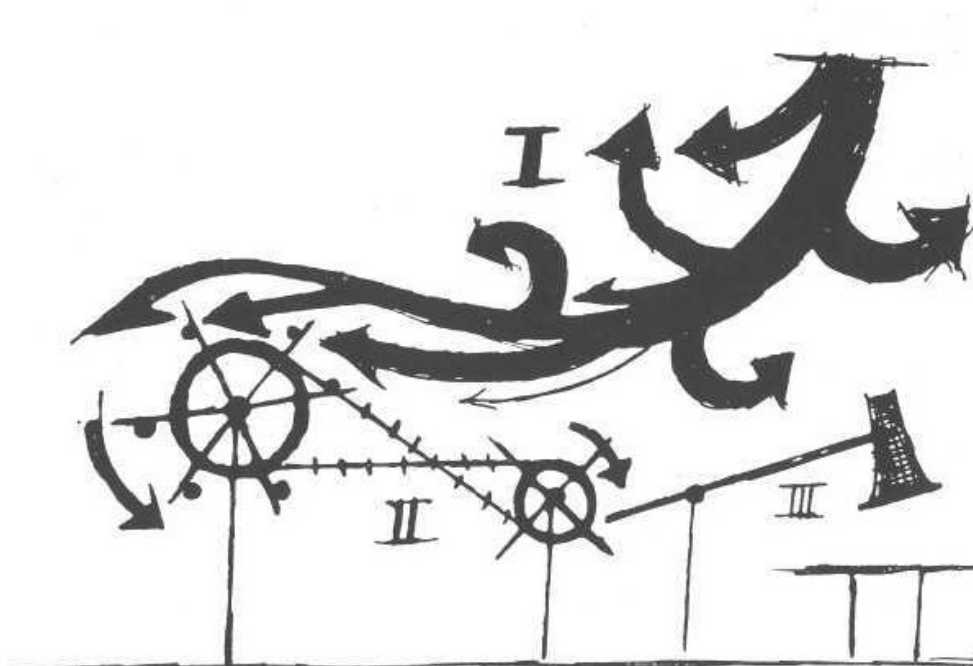
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