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DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS IN GROTIUS'S NATURAL LAW ETHICS

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'DOUBLE GOODNESS': WILLIAM KING ON DIVINE WILL AND HUMAN HAPPINESS AS SOURCES OF MORAL OBLIGATION

11:30–12:30: MICHAEL WALSCHOTS (MILAN)
PUFENDORF, BARBEYRAC, AND LEIBNIZ ON THE EFFICIENT CAUSE OF NATURAL LAW

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HUME ON THE PECULIAR IDEA OF MORAL OBLIGATION: ITS OBJECT AND ORIGIN

3:30–4:30: STEFANO BACIN (MILAN)
DEGREES OF OBLIGATION IN PRE-KANTIAN GERMAN MORAL PHILOSOPHY

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5–6: FIORELLA TOMASSINI (CONICET)
ACHENWALL ON COERCION AND LEGAL OBLIGATION

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WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS AND NEGLECTED CONCEPTIONS OF OBLIGATION

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KANT ON FREEDOM AND OBLIGATION

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3:30–4:30: DEBORAH BOYLE (COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON)
ELIZABETH HAMILTON'S THEOLOGICAL UTILITARIANISM

4:30–5: COFFEE BREAK

5–6: STEPHEN DARWALL (YALE)
OBLIGATIONS AS REASONS AND AS ACCOUNTABILITY IN MODERN MORAL PHILOSOPHY

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