

PhD day - PhD Programme in Psychology

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Sala delle Armi, via Zamboni, 22, Bologna & Online by Teams

PhD students will be in presence. Tutors and all interested colleagues can attend the PhD day either in presence or connecting by Teams: [PhD Day Bologna \[In-person\] | Partecipazione alla riunione | Microsoft Teams](#)

9:00-9:45: Welcome and self-presentation of PhD students of the 41st cycle

Adnany Mohammad Abdulgader, Fatma Aksu, Fatima H Anwar Ali, Elettra Bordo, Andrea Buscemi, Ying Cao, Xiaoyu Chen, Lanqing Cheng, Teresa Di Lauro, Emanuele Di Maria, Maura Giordano, Alena Mezentseva, Michela Raggi, Alice Riccardi, Domenico Romanazzi, Alice Zenari

9.45-16.30 Presentations of the projects of the 40th Cycle PhD students

Timetable	PhD student	Title	Tutors
9:45-10:00	Anthony Abrome	Digital and Psychological Resources for Managing Transitions	Martina Benvenuti, Marco De Angelis
10:00-10:15	Martina Bovo	Tracking the Foundations of Language in Preterm Infants: The Role of Implicit Rule Learning and Joint Attention	Alessandra Sansavini, Annalisa Guarini, Chiara Suttora
10:15-10:30	Felipe Coelho	Why Women Should Have More Traits? Deepening the Understanding of the Perfection Bias in Personnel Selection.”	Monica Rubini, Michela Menegatti, Silvia Moscatelli
10:30-10:45	Claudio Danti	Neural and computational mechanisms of reinforcement learning	Giuseppe di Pellegrino, Vincenzo Romei

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10:45-11:00	Veronica Della Casa	Reproductive Decision-Making Across Diverse Gender Identities: An investigation of Awareness, Aspirations, and Experiences	Federica Andrei, Elena Trombini
11:00-11:15		COFFEE BREAK	
11:15-11:30	Michele Deodato	The role of Periodic and Aperiodic EEG in the generation of Conscious Experience: Insights from Neuromodulation, Electrophysiology, and Psychophysics	Vincenzo Romei, Alessio Avenanti
11:30-11:45	Giulia Franco	The spatial representation of time in patients with focal brain injury	Caterina Bertini, Giuseppe Di Pellegrino, Michela Candini
11:45-12:00	Yanyan Gao	The Neural Basis and Causal Role of the Medial Prefrontal Cortex in Racial Intergroup Empathy for Pain: A Meta-Analysis and TMS–EEG Investigation	Alessio Avenanti, Vincenzo Romei
12:00-12:15	Yue Hu	Alpha Oscillations and Interhemispheric Connectivity in Visual Motion Perception: Effects of ccPAS on Confidence and Perceptual Integration	Vincenzo Romei, Alessio Avenanti
12:15-12:30	Lucia Illy	Acculturation and Intergroup Contact: A Multi-Method Approach Across Majority and Ethnic Minority Groups	Francesca Prati, Elisabetta Crocetti
12:30-13:30	LUNCH BREAK		
13:30-13:45	Giuseppe Ippolito	The influence of emotions on action control: brain network plasticity and potential trans-diagnostic application	Sara Borgomaneri, Giuseppe Di Pellegrino
13:45-14:00	Elisabetta Lombardo	Reading Beyond the Screen: Exploring Comprehension, Cognition, and Digital Supports for the assessment of reading comprehension in students of the primary and lower secondary school	Paola Bonifacci, Raffaella Nori
14:00-14:15	Alice Marra	Psychophysiological Foundations of Empathy and Well-being in Organizations	Alessio Avenanti, Giuseppe Di Pellegrino
14:15-14:30	Giovanni Mazzaferri	Electrophysiological Correlates of the Perception of Pleasure and Tension	Marco Costa, Raffaella Nori
14:30-14:45	Katarina Miletic	Long-term implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for adolescents' psychosocial development	Elisabetta Crocetti, Vincenzo Natale
14:45-15:00	Sofia Morandini	Adaptive human–robot collaboration in industrial settings: the impact on workers' trust, acceptance, and wellbeing	Luca Pietrantoni, Federico Fraboni
15:00-15:15	Ettore Napoli	Psychophysiological Foundations of Empathy and Well-being in Organizations	Alessio Avenanti, Giorgio Arcara, Sara Giovagnoli

15:15-15:30	Claudio Nazzi	Driving associative plasticity to enhance emotion perception	Alessio Avenanti, Simone Battaglia
15:30-15:45	Brendon Qela	Top-down and bottom-up dynamics of sensory representations	Caterina Bertini, Alessio Avenanti
15:45-16:00	Peijin Yang	How Time Shapes Positive Intergroup Attitudes in Native Italian Adolescents and in Adolescents with a Migrant Background	Elisabetta Crocetti, Monica Rubini
16:00-16.15	Kristina Ra Vigna	Collective Well-being: A Longitudinal Investigation of Positively Energizing Leadership, Collective Emotion Regulation, and Multi-Level Wellbeing in Italian & Irish Healthcare Settings	Rita Chiesa, Marco Mariani
16:15-16:30	Bao Zhangxuan	When Parents Fall Ill: Supporting Psychological Flexibility and Well-Being of Young Offspring Through a Mental Health Promotion Program	Giulia Landi, Elisabetta Crocetti