SINCLÈTICA MASTER'S DEGREE
KNOWLEDGE ART INTERIORITY

LOVE

October 28th / November 4 / 6-8, 2026

Sinclètica Monastic School gives you access to the learning experience of our innovative program and the methodology of the pearl

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THE TOPIC FOR THE THEMATIC BLOCK IN NOVEMBER 2026 IS LOVE

- A team of eight international professors will be sharing Eight **Pearls** on LOVE from the perspective of Science, Politics, Philosophy, Literature, Bible, Fine Arts, Theology and Music. **Pearls** are scientific, literary, artistic or musical works, theological writings or biblical passages that the subjectivity of each professor finds particularly helpful or illuminating.

- **Monastic wisdom has always known that experience and knowledge cannot be separated.** A key element of our program is that the professors will share with the students not only their expertise on the subject, but also their personal link to it.

- The lectures can be attended on-site at Villa Engràcia (next to the medieval Monastery of Poblet) or on-line. Registering on-line gives access to the live streaming of the lectures and also to the edited videos for later viewing; during the streaming, on-line participants are able to interact with the professors and with the on-site students via Zoom platform.

- The lectures are in English with simultaneous translation into Catalan. Videos of the lectures are accessible to all students during 3 months, starting on the day of the lecture. Two weeks after each lecture, fully reviewed English subtitles and an audio of the Catalan translation are also made available.

The fee for a weekend is 160€ on site / 210€ on-line
Interested please write to the Registrar's Office:
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Wednesday 28 - only online

19:30 **PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION**
19:45 **LITERATURE**
'Divine Comedy' (Inferno, Canto V), by Dante Alighieri (1304-1309)
CRISTINA GUARNIERI (ROME)
20:30 **DIALOGUE with PROF. GUARNIERI**

Wednesday 4 - only online

19:30 **PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION**
19:45 **PHILOSOPHY**
'Theogony' (vv. 108-123), by Hesiod (730-700 BCE)
FEDERICO LEONI (MILAN)
20:30 **DIALOGUE with PROF. LEONI**

FRIDAY 6

18:00 **OPENING PRAYER / PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION**
18:45 **SCIENCE**
'The Basileas', by Basil de Great (4th cent.)
BRENDAN JOHNSON (MINNEAPOLIS)
19:30 *Silence*
19:50 **SMALL GROUPS / FINAL DIALOGUE with PROF. JOHNSON**

20:50 **CLOSURE**

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SATURDAY 7

9:00 MORNING PRAYER / PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

9:45 THEOLOGY

'Love God and do whatever you please', Augustine (4th cent.)

ZORAN GROZDANOV (RIJEKA)

10:30 *Silence*

10:50 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE with PROF. GROZDANOV

Chi-kung exercises / Lunch at 12:30

13:30 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

13:45 FINE ARTS

'Les Glaneurs et la Glaneuse', by Agnès Varda (2000)

MARC BARCELÓ (ALFORJA)

14:30 *Silence*

14:50 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE with PROF. BARCELÓ

16:00 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

16:15 BIBLE

'Your eyes have overcome me' (Song of Songs 6:4)

TERESA FORCADES (MONTSERRAT)

17:00 *Silence*

17:20 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE with PROF. FORCADES

18:30 CLOSURE

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SUNDAY 8

9:00 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

9:15 POLITICS

'There is no sexual relationship', by Jacques Lacan (1972–73)

SPYRIDOULA ATHANASOPOULOU-KYPRIOU (ATHENS)

10:00 *Silence*

10:15 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE with PROF.ATHANASOPOULOU

11:25 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

11:40 MUSIC

Piano Concerto No 2, by Sergei Rachmaninoff (1900-1901)

ORIOL ROMANÍ (BARCELONA)

12:25 *Silence*

12:40 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE with PROF. ROMANÍ

Lunch at 13:40 & Prayer

15:10 PERSONAL WORK: MY PEARLS FROM THE WEEKEND

16:00 FINAL DIALOGUE

17:00 CLOSURE

Optional prayer with the Cistercian community in Poblet

5:15 Matins / 7:00 or 7:30 Lauds / 8:00 or 10:00 Eucharist

18:30 or 19:00 Vespers / 20:30 or 21:00 Complines