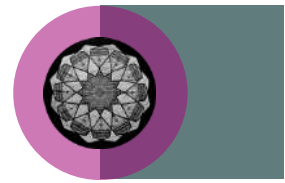




SINCLÈTICA MONASTIC SCHOOL
KNOWLEDGE, ARTS & INTERIORITY

SUFFERING



October 7 & 27-29, 2023

Sinclètica Monastic School gives you access
to the learning experience of our innovative
Program in a weekend module

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THE TOPIC FOR THE THEMATIC BLOCK IN OCTOBER 2023 IS SUFFERING

- A team of eight international professors will be sharing Eight Pearls on SUFFERING 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: villaengracia.com) 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 will be able to interact with the professors and with the on-site students via Zoom platform.
- The lectures are in English. Videos of the lectures are accessible to all students during 30 days, starting on the day of the lectures. Two weeks after the lectures, fully reviewed subtitles in English, Catalan and Spanish are made available.

The fee for a weekend is 150€
Interested please write to the Registrar's Office:
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SATURDAY 7 (ON-LINE)

14:00 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

14:15 **LITERATURE**

In prison and exile: Al-Mutamid, Ibn Gabirol, Jacopone da Todi, François Villon (11th-15th century)

LUIS GIRÓN-NEGRÓN (CAMBRIDGE, USA)

15:00 *Silence*

15:15 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. GIRÓN-NEGRÓN

16:15 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

16:30 **PHILOSOPHY**

Suffering at the Heart of Existence: On the Iliad, by Rachel Bespaloff (1943)

CRISTINA GUARNIERI (ROME)

17:15 *Silence*

17:30 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. GUARNIERI

18:30 CLOSURE

18:45 *Prayer of Vespers (live streaming from St. Benet)*



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FRIDAY 27 (ON-LINE)

18:30 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

18:45 **THEOLOGY**

Come, see what love has done to me, by Yunus Emre (13th century)

FARAH ZEB (LONDON)

19:30 *Silence*

19:45 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. ZEB

20:45 CLOSURE

SATURDAY 28

10:00 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

10:15 **SCIENCE**

The human suffering in social anthropology: Necromachine, by Rossana Reguillo (2021)

MÒNICA MARTÍNEZ (FALS)

11:00 *Silence*

11:20 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. MARTÍNEZ

12:20 *Chi-kung exercises and lunch*

14:00 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

14:15 **FINE ARTS**

Subversive Stitches: Arched Figure, by Louise Bourgeois (1999)

JO MILNE (BARCELONA)

15:00 *Silence*

15:20 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. MILNE

16:30 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

16:45 **BIBLE**

Suffering in the Revelation of John or How to Read a Difficult Text (1st century)

SILKE PETERSEN (HAMBURG)

17:30 *Silence*

17:50 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. PETERSEN

19:00 CLOSURE



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SUNDAY 29

- 9:15 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION
9:30 **POLITICS**
Totalitarian Authority: Ur-Fascism, by Umberto Eco (1995)
STANKO PERICA (ZAGREB)
- 10:30 *Silence*
10:50 POLITICS GROUPS AND DIALOGUES
11:50 *Chi-kung exercises or Eucharist and lunch*
- 15:45 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION
14:00 **MUSIC**
With Music as Companion: Schumann, Messiaen, Billie Holiday, Blues, Gospel (19-20th century)
ORIOL ROMANÍ (BARCELONA)
- 14:45 *Silence*
15:05 MUSIC GROUPS AND DIALOGUES
- 16:15 PERSONAL WORK: MY PEARLS FROM THE WEEKEND
17:00 FINAL DIALOGUE

Optional daily prayer with the monastic community:

5:15 matins / 7:00 or 7:30 lauds

8:00 or 12:00 eucharist

18:45 vespers / 20:30 compline