



*Scuola di Dottorato in Scienze Umanistiche e della Società
Università degli Studi di Ferrara*

COMPOSITION AS DIVERSITY EXPERIENCING ONTOLOGICAL WHOLES

Philosophical Symposium - International Speakers - Everybody Welcome

Organizers: Prof. **Matteo V. d'Alfonso (Ferrara)**

Michael W. Stadler (Ferrara, Vienna)

When and where?

Friday, 3 June 2016

**Sala Consiliare, Complesso di S. Lucia,
Via Ariosto 35, Ferrara**

What is it about?

Is a **whole** identical with the **sum** of its **parts** or does it in any way differ from it? Do the parts have **ontological** or **metaphysical** priority over the whole? Or does the whole determine the **nature** and **function** of its parts? Which kind of parts are able to **compose** a whole? And can a whole persist over **time** when its parts are changing, either by being diminished, replaced, increased or internally re-**structured**? Can we take our direct **experience** of **reality** as a starting point for discussing the relation between parts and wholes? What do **empirical** studies of **Gestalt psychology** or **phenomenology** or theories on **embodiment** tell us about the **identity** or **differences** between parts and wholes?

Who will speak?

10:30 10:35	Words of Welcome	
10:35	Michael Stadler	<i>Composition as Identity or Composition as</i>

11:20	(Ferrara, Vienna)	<i>Diversity in the Case of Part-Whole-Oscillations</i>
11:20 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 12:15	Michael Kubovy (Virginia)	<i>Two Kinds of Perceptual Emergence and How They Differ From Emergence in Philosophy of Science</i>
12:15 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 14:45	Alfonsina Acito (Parma)	<i>L'isomorfismo psico-fisico di Wolfgang Köhler. Una proposta di fenomenologizzazione del naturalismo</i>
14:45 15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00 15:45	Giuliano Torrenco (Milan)	<i>On Institutional Wholes</i>
15:45 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 16:45	Enrico Terrone (Turin)	<i>Like Giants Immersed in Time: Four-Dimensional Wholes and The Temporal Experience</i>
16:45 17:00	Concluding Discussion	