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# The Role of Experts in Democratic Societies. In Honor of Paul Feyerabend

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# PROGRAM

## Morning session

**Chair**

Luca Tambolo

- 9:15-9:30**      **Opening Remarks**  
Pierluigi Barrotta, Gustavo Cevolani, Luca Tambolo
- 9:30-10:15**    **Feyerabend, Experts, and Dilettantes**  
John Preston (Reading)
- 10:15-11:00**   **Wisdom, Scientific Expertise, and Laypeople.  
Some Remarks on Paul Feyerabend's Philosophy of Expertise**  
Pierluigi Barrotta (Pisa) and Roberto Gronda (Pisa)
- 11:30-12:15**   **Lay Expertise and Representative Democracy**  
Eleonora Montuschi (Venice) and Paolo Bodini (Venice)

## Afternoon session

**Chair**

Roberto Gronda

- 15-15:45**      **Expertise as the Conquest of Abundance:  
Some Feyerabendian Meditations**  
Steve Fuller (Warwick)
- 15:45-16:30**   **Science on Demand: Lessons from the Di Bella Case**  
Luca Tambolo (Independent) and Gustavo Cevolani (IMT School)
- 17:00-17:45**   **Epistemic Pluralism at the Science-Policy Interface**  
Karim Bschr (St. Gallen)
- 17.45-18:30**   **Should we Trust Arguments Ab Auctoritate?**  
Piero Avitabile (IMT School) and  
Alessandro Demichelis (IMT School)