Interdisciplinary Workshop on

MORALITY AND GROUP IDENTITIES
EXPLORING THE RELEVANCE OF EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY FOR POLITICAL THEORY

4 July 2022 | h. 14.30
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SPS SEMINAR ROOM (II FLOOR, PASSIONE SIDE) AND ON MS TEAMS
FACULTY OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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PROGRAMME

14:30 INTRODUCTION
Chair
Federico Bina  Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele

14:45 The primacy of morality in impression development
Marco Brambilla and Simona Sacchi  Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

15:30 Partisan moral reasoning and the evaluation of transgressions in political contexts
Silvana D’Ottone  Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

16:15 Affective polarization, political identity and loyal partisanship
Enrico Biale  Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale

17:00 GENERAL DISCUSSION

Abstract
We are living in times of unprecedented cooperation and inclusion, though also characterized by strong group identities, prejudice, discrimination and hostility, ideological polarization and conflict, misplaced trust. What drives these phenomena within and between social groups? In recent years, experimental psychology has highlighted the pivotal role played by morality in shaping social judgment and behavior, group dynamics, and relations of trust. Can we draw from this research any implications for political theory, and/or practical solutions for reducing prejudice and conflict and strengthening democracy?

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