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Rome's Modernity: Trauma, Fracture, Narration

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Day 1 – Wednesday 17 October 2012

13.30-14.30: Registration and Welcome

14.30-16.00: Reconfiguring the Urban Space Chair: JOHN DAVID RHODES

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EUGENE POOLEY (Reading): Re-visioning Rome: the AACAR, Gustavo Giovannoni and Invention of Urbanistica in the 1920s ALESSANDRO PES (Cagliari): Roma capitale dell'impero:

LARA PUCCI (Nottingham): Excavating the Nation: The Fosse Ardeatine in 'Giorni di Gloria' (1945)

16.00-16.30 : Coffee Break

16.30-18.00 : Gendered Cityscapes Chair: LOREDANA POLEZZI

NIAMH CULLEN (Milan/University College Dublin): Belle ma povere? Chronicling Young Women's Lives in Rome, from Reconstruction to Boom

KEALA JEWELL (Dartmouth College): Rome from the Inside: The Androgynous Body in Ventroni's 'Nel gasometro'

DOM HOLDAWAY (Warwick): The 'Celluloid Closet' and the Position of the Queer in Roman 'Homosocial' Cinema

18.00-19.30: Book launch

DORIGEN CALDWELL (Birkbeck) and LESLEY CALDWELL (UCL) *Rome. Continuing Encounters Between Past and Present* (Ashgate, 2012), followed by a Wine Reception.

Day 2 - Thursday 18 October 2012

10.00-11.00: Holy City - Chair: KEALA JEWELL

SCOTT LERNER (Franklin & Marshall College): *The Narrating Architecture of Radical Hospitality*

ALLISON COOPER (Colby College): Pasolini's Sacred and Profane 'Mamma Roma'

11.00-11.30 : Coffee break

11.30-13.00: Shadows of Otherness Chair: CATHERINE O'RAWE

DEREK DUNCAN (St. Andrews): Aman and Corviale: Rome and the Postcolonial Remnant

LOREDANA POLEZZI (Warwick): From 'frammenti' to 'sovrapposizioni': Colonial Traces and the Map of Rome

JENNIFER BURNS (Warwick): 'Not properly buried': Rome's Troubled Modernity as Observed by Migrant Writers

13.00-14.30 : Lunch

14.30-15.30: Re-Envisioning Modernity Chair: LESLEY CALDWELL

JOHN DAVID RHODES (Sussex): Disembowelled Vision: the Absence of Roman Modernity

JENNIE HIRSH (Maryland Institute College of Art): Baroque Modernism? Giorgio de Chirico and Postwar Pictorial Practice

15.30-16.00 : Coffee break

16.00-17.30: Eschatologies – Chair: FABIO CAMILLETTI

FLORIAN MUSSGNUG (UCL): Rome in Ruins: Revisited
FILIPPO TRENTIN (Warwick): Organizing Pessimism in Pasolini's 'Petrolio': The Wavering Light of the Fireflies
BIANCAMARIA FRABOTTA (Sapienza, Rome): Itinerari del non ritorno

18.00-19.00 : Keynote lecture

KEVIN MCLAUGHLIN (Brown): City and Porosity: Walter Benjamin's 'Passages', followed by discussion

19.00-20.00 : Wine Reception

Day 3 - Friday 19 October 2012

9.30-11.00: States of Exception – Chair: JENNIFER BURNS

ISABELLA CLOUGH MARINARO (John Cabot, Rome): Modernity and the Spatial Management of 'Nomads': Rome's 'Neo-Ghettos'

MICHELE RIGHINI (Bologna): 'La Ferrobedò, o per dir meglio, la Ferro-Beton': Riccetto-Stalker e i confini nella città

CATHERINE O'RAWE (Bristol): 'Pijamose Roma': Romanzo criminale: la serie and Disciplinary Spaces.

11.00-11.30 : Coffee break

11.30-13.00: (Post)modernisms - Chair: DEREK DUNCAN

CARMELO PRINCIOTTA (Sapienza, Rome): Roma in poesia dopo il 1968

VASILIKI PETSA (Peloponnese): Rome as 'Subject-site' and as 'Event-space': Reclaiming the City Space During the Years of Lead

GIORGIA GASTALDON (Udine): Scuola di Piazza del Popolo: la Roma 'pop' degli anni Sessanta

13.00-14.30 : Lunch

14.30-16.00: Perceiving the city – Chair: JACOPO BENCI

MASSIMO LUCARELLI (Savoie): L'Urbe modernista: Roma nella poetica e nella poesia di Giuseppe Ungaretti

Anneli Kõvamees (Tallinn): Pieces of the Mosaic: Constructing Rome

FRANCESCA CONGIU (Leeds): Architecture, Memory, Freedom: Carlo Levi's visions of Rome

16.00-16.30 : Coffee break

16.30-17.15: Photographic presentation JACOPO BENCI (BSR): *The 'Monuments' of Magliana*. Discussant: JENNIE HIRSH

17.30-19.00 : Final Round Table

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20:00 : Conference Dinner