

International Conference

# the Awakening of Enceladus

In memory of **Stefano Brugnolo**

A Transdisciplinary Inquiry  
into Geological Risk and Disaster

DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2025 - Pisa

**Wednesday DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, AULA MAGNA STORICA**  
Palazzo della Sapienza - Via Curtatone e Montanara, 15 - Pisa

**2:30 pm** Institutional greetings  
**Riccardo Zucchi**, Rector of the *University of Pisa*  
**Alessandro Lenci**, Head of the Department of Philology, Literature, and Linguistics, *Pisa University*  
**Pierfrancesco Dellino**, Spoke Leader, Spoke 3 - VS3 "Earthquakes and Volcanoes"  
Return PNRR, *Bari University*  
**Biancamaria Rizzardi**, Principal Investigator of the P.R.I.S.M.A. Project, *Pisa University*

**3:15-4:00 pm** Keynote Lecture  
**Isak Winkel Holm**, *Copenhagen University*:  
Prophetic Noir. Søren Kierkegaard and the Climate Catastrophe  
Introduced by **Marina Foschi**, *Pisa University*

**4:00-5:30 pm** Session 1 – GAIA: Epistemologies of Risk and Ecological Awareness  
Discussant: **Alberto Casadei**, *Pisa University*

**Roberto Bondi**, *Calabria University*:  
When the Earth Speaks. Vital Dynamics and Ecological Awareness  
**Giuseppe Lorizio**, *Pontifical Lateran University*, Rome:  
Earthquakes: Natural Disasters or Divine Punishments?  
**Carla Benedetti**, *Pisa University*:  
When Risk Lies in the Future

**6:00-7:30 pm** Session 2 – PROMETHEUS: Languages and Representations of Disaster  
Discussant: **Fabrizio Franceschini**, *Pisa University*

**Piero Di Domenico**, *Bologna University*:  
Territories of Cinema. Between Metaphorical Landscapes, Apocalypses, and Disaster Movies  
**Tania Zulli**, *University of Chieti - Pescara*:  
Narrating Disasters: Discursive Representations of Geological Hazard in the Public Sphere  
**Francesco Fiorentino**, *Roma Tre University*:  
Geology, Ecology, and Memory in Esther Kinsky's *Rombo*

**Thursday DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, AUDITORIUM**  
Palazzo Blu - Lungarno Gambacorti, 9 - Pisa

**9:00-9:45 am** In Conversation with **Elleke Boehmer**, *University of Oxford*  
Introduced by **Biancamaria Rizzardi**, *Pisa University*  
Discussant: **Valérie Tosi**, *Pisa University*

**9:45-11:00 am** Session 3 – MNEMOSYNE: Seismic Memory and Geographies of Trauma  
Discussant: **Angelo Monaco**, *Bari University*

**Domenico Cecere**, *Federico II University of Naples*:  
The Kingdom of Naples and the Experience of Calamity in the Seventeenth Century. Knowledge, Memories, and Response Practices  
**Elena Dell'Agnese**, *Milano-Bicocca University*:  
Between Rubble and Rhetoric: The Messina and Reggio Calabria Earthquake of 1908 in Maud Howe Elliott's Narrative  
**Claudia Principe**, **Costanza Marini**, **Alessio Palmero Aprosio**, *CNR – IGG Pisa*:  
Linguistic Analyses of Volcanic Activity

**11:30-1:00 pm** Session 4 – TYPHON: The Planetary Unconscious: Psyche, Matter, Anthropocene  
Discussant: **Giovanni Bassi**, *Bari University*

**Virginia De Micco**, Psychoanalyst, National Coordinator of the PER Group - *Italian Psychoanalytic Society (SPI)*:  
The Earth Trembles, The Mind Falter...The 'Fear of Breakdown' from Ancestral Terrors to Contemporary Risks  
**Giovanni Sampaolo**, *Roma Tre University*:  
The Comet's Legacy. Literature and the Nördlingen Meteorite  
**Niccolò Scaffai**, *Siena University*:  
The Paradigm of Depth: Literature and the Anthropocenic Imagination

**2:30-3:15 pm** Keynote Lecture  
**Frank Westerman**, Writer and Freelance Journalist:  
On the Origin of Stories: Making Sense of the Senseless  
Introduced by **Rita Calabrese**, *Salerno University*

**3:15-4:30 pm** Presentation of the Atlas L.A.V.A.  
**Fausto Ciompi**, **Marina Foschi**, **Michela Lazzeroni**, **Biancamaria Rizzardi**, **Carlo Tirinanzi De Medici**  
gruppo di ricerca P.R.I.S.M.A., *Pisa University*  
**Henry Albert**, **Matteo Bettini**, **Alice Bisio**, **Federico Poni**, *Chimera Project*

**5:00-5:45 pm** In Conversation with **Esther Kinsky**, Kleist Prize 2022  
Introduced by **Flavio Gregori**, *Ca' Foscari Venice University*

**5:45 pm** PERFORMANCE LECTURE – "I am a Disaster"  
by **Matteo Belli**, Author, Actor, and Theatre Director

**Friday DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, AUDITORIUM**  
Palazzo Blu - Lungarno Gambacorti, 9 - Pisa

**9:00-9:45 am** Keynote Lecture  
**David Alexander**, *University College London*:  
Representations of Disaster in Western Fine Art  
Introduced by **Andrea Carosso**, *Turin University*

**9:45-11:00 am** Session 5 – ATLAS: The Burden of the Earth in Literature, Art, and Philosophy  
Discussant: **Antonietta Sanna**, *Pisa University*

**Chiara Savettieri**, *Pisa University*:  
Between the Lisbon Earthquake of 1755 and the Messina Earthquake of 1782:  
Pictures of the European Imagination's Crisis  
**Sofia Morabito**, *Pisa University*:  
«The Day the Earth Trembled». Narrating Trauma from the Lisbon Earthquake to Insular Memory  
**Matteo Marcheschi**, *CNR – ILIESI Rome*:  
A Catastrophe Without Catastrophe. The French Eighteenth Century and the Restrained Catastrophe?

**11:30-12:45 pm** Session 6 – HEPHAESTUS: Reactions, Responses and Forms of Resilience  
Discussant: **Pierfrancesco Dellino**, *Bari University*:  
Spoke Leader for Spoke 3 - VS3 "Earthquake and Volcanoes" - Return PNRR

**Arianna Soldati**, *North Carolina State University*:  
Institutional Responses and Public Reactions to Recent Volcanic Eruptions in Iceland, Hawaii, and the Canary Islands  
**Stefano Parolai**, *Trieste University*:  
The Study of Earthquakes in Different Regions of the Globe: Prevention, Preparedness, and Responses in Different Cultural Assets, with a Specific Focus on Central Asia  
**Marcello Di Filippo**, *Pisa University*:  
Disaster and Cross-Border Displacement: Towards a Duty for Host States to Establish a Complementary Protection Scheme

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