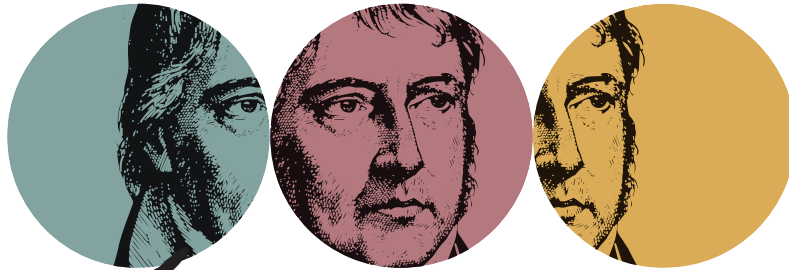


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ROME TRE TO HOST THE 36th INTERNATIONAL HEGELIAN CONGRESS

From September 1 to 4, 2026, Rome will become the global hub of Hegelian studies by hosting **"Hegel Global,"** the most important international congress dedicated to the philosophical legacy of **Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel**.

Rome, August 31, 2026 – For the first time in its history, the International Congress of the Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft is coming to Italy. From **September 1 to 4, 2026**, Roma Tre University will host the **36th International Hegelian Congress**, a significant scholarly event that will bring together hundreds of scholars from numerous countries and diverse academic traditions in the capital to discuss the relevance, legacy, and global resonance of the thought of Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770–1831).

Organized under the auspices of the Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft, the world's oldest scholarly association dedicated to the German philosopher, **"Hegel Global"** will take place at the **Department of Philosophy, Communication, and Performing Arts**, the **Department of Law**, and the **Palladium Theater at Roma Tre**.

The 2026 edition holds particular symbolic significance: Rome and Italy represent **one of the most significant centers for the reception of Hegelian thought**, thanks to an unbroken philosophical tradition that, from the nineteenth century to the present day, has included among its leading figures brilliant and refined scholars such as Bertrando Spaventa, Francesco De Sanctis, Benedetto Croce, Giovanni Gentile, Ugo Spirito, and Guido Calogero. A **special session** of the congress will be dedicated to the Italian tradition and the **"Roman School" of Hegelian studies**, paying tribute to leading figures such as **Francesco Valentini (1924–2009)** and **Valerio Verra (1928–2001)**, mentors who contributed to the formation of generations of scholars of German Idealism.

"Hosting the 36th International Hegelian Congress at Roma Tre confirms our university's academic prestige and growing international prominence," **states the Rector of Roma Tre University, Prof. Massimiliano Fiorucci**. "We are proud to host one of the most authoritative scholarly communities dedicated to contemporary philosophy, bringing together scholars from every continent in Rome. Initiatives such as 'Hegel Global' also demonstrate Roma Tre's natural commitment to openness, dialogue, and the building of collaborative networks and high-profile academic relationships on a global scale. In fact,

our university, , considers internationalization an essential dimension of its mission and views the exchange between cultures, research traditions, and diverse disciplinary perspectives as a fundamental driver for the growth of knowledge and for addressing the great challenges of our time.

This conference also holds particular significance for Roma Tre, as it honors the scholarly legacy of Prof. Valerio Verra, a long-time faculty member of our university, one of the most authoritative historians of philosophy, and one of the leading interpreters of Hegelian thought in Italy, whose teachings continue to serve as a point of reference for scholars across generations. Re-examining Hegel today from a global perspective therefore means not only better understanding the complexity of our times, but also strengthening the dialogue among different cultures, bodies of knowledge, and traditions. It is in this spirit that our university welcomes and promotes this important opportunity for exchange and shared growth."

The theme chosen for this edition of the Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft conference, **"Hegel Global,"** invites us to assess the philosopher's legacy not only from the perspective of his influence in Europe, but also through the diversity of ways his thought has been received, reinterpreted, and applied across different continents, while addressing the major challenges of the present. The program will, in fact, revolve around topics ranging from human rights to social movements, from environmental issues to the philosophy of technology, from artificial intelligence to processes of decolonization, and from feminist perspectives to contemporary cultural transformations.

Among the keynote speakers are leading international scholars and emerging young researchers, including Andreas Arndt, Ruth Hagengruber, Kaveh Boveiri, Mariam Khazaradze, Paul Kottman, Valerio Rocco Lozano, Ana María Miranda Mora, Erzsébet Rózsa, Gesa Wellmann, Klaus Vieweg, and the Slovenian philosopher Slavoj Žižek, who will deliver a public *lecture* at the Teatro Palladium titled *"Everything You Wanted to Know About Hegel but Were Afraid to Ask Hegel"*.

The official opening of the conference will take place on the afternoon of **September 1 at the Teatro Palladium** (Piazza Bartolomeo Romano, 8 – Rome), with welcoming remarks by the Rector of Roma Tre, **Massimiliano Fiorucci**, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, **Thomas Bagger**, the Director of the Department of Philosophy, Communication, and Performing Arts, **Luca Aversano**, and representatives of the Executive Board of the Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft, including the current president, **Brady Bowman** of Pennsylvania State University, and the President of the German Philosophical Society, **Ruth Hagengruber**. The scientific direction of the event is entrusted to **Francesca Iannelli**, Full Professor of Aesthetics at Roma Tre, creator of the format for the 36th edition, and coordinator of international research networks such as "Hegel Art Net" and the "Hegel Now!" association.

"Hegel Global stems from the conviction that **Hegelian philosophy** is not merely a chapter in the history of Western thought, but a **living resource** for interpreting our present, marked by crises, conflicts, and profound revolutions," **states the Scientific Director, Prof. Francesca Iannelli**. "The presence of scholars from **over fifty countries** demonstrates that the debate on the legacy Hegel has bequeathed to us is today truly 'global' and no longer confined to a merely 'local' horizon. The 36th Congress of the Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft—70 years after the first congress held in Nuremberg way back in 1956 —

therefore aims to be a **privileged space for dialogue among the various interpretive traditions** that have developed across different continents and a unique opportunity to reflect on the contribution that Hegelian thought can still offer in critically addressing the most urgent and complex challenges of our time, across a wide range of fields: from art to politics, from economics to technology, from ecology to human rights. The “global” aspiration that animates this 36th Congress is not, however, merely geographical, but first and foremost speculative. It expresses the deeply Hegelian conviction that truth cannot be grasped in the separateness of its moments, but only in the interweaving of its relationships and in the totality that intimately constitutes it. In a discordant age that tends to fragment experience into increasingly partial and self-referential perspectives, Hegel’s thought invites us instead to engage with the complexity of reality without ever relinquishing a critical overview. It is perhaps precisely this lesson—as ancient as it is relevant today—that makes Hegel still our contemporary.”

Alongside academic conference activities, the roundtable “Thinking Hegel Globally”—which will bring together the presidents of Hegelian societies from around the world—and presentations of recently published books on Hegelian philosophy, “Hegel Global” will offer a rich cultural program—conceived as part of “Phil-Art,” a project promoting knowledge sponsored by Roma Tre University—that aims to foster a dialogue between Hegelian philosophy and contemporary music and visual arts. Among the scheduled events are a recital by soprano **Esther Haas**, the **lecture-concert “THINKING MUSIC INTO THE PRESENT”** by pianist **Vladimir Stoupel**, and the opening of the exhibition *“Forgotten Mediations”* by Iranian artist **Mohaddeseh Rabbaninia**, dedicated to the themes of memory, history, and forgotten mediations.

With over one hundred thematic sessions and the participation of scholars from Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa, and Oceania, the conference offers a unique opportunity for international dialogue on the philosophy of German Idealism and the role that Hegel’s thought continues to play in interpreting the social, political, cultural, aesthetic, and technological transformations of the 21st century.

Further information and program: [Welcome to Hegel Global - Hegel Global](#)

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