



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

## 14:30 – Institutional greetings

Riccardo Brizzi  
(Head of Department of the Arts)  
Mirko Degli Esposti  
(President of Media Mutations Research Association)

## Introduction

Paola Brembilla  
(Università di Bologna)  
Marco Cucco  
(Università di Bologna)  
Christopher Meir  
(Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

## 15:00 – Keynote speech

- *Global Batsploitation: International Copyright Law and the Unlicensed Batman films of Mexico, Turkey and the Philippines during the long 1960s.*  
Iain Robert Smith  
(King's College London)

## 16:45 – Panel 1.

Chair: Veronica Innocentii  
(Università di Bologna)

- *Copyright Law, Trademark, and Patent Regulation in the Media Sector*  
Caterina del Federico  
(Università di Bologna)

- *Just Pattern Recognition? Towards A Critique of Automated Copyright Administration*

Matthew Blackmar  
(University of California, Los Angeles)

- *Enforcing Morals Clauses in the Digital Age: Balancing the Protection of Talent, Public Image, and Intellectual Property*  
Inkyu Kang (Penn State University)

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## 9:30 – Panel 2.

Chair: Emiliano Rossi  
(Università di Bologna)

- *Netflix and the Conundrum of Intellectual Property*  
Jane Shattuc (Emerson College)

- *A Mountain of Content. An Early Look at Paramount+ and Its Strategies*  
Nicolò Villani (e-campus University)

- *Unraveling the Long Tail Phenomenon: An Investigation into Netflix Series Consumption Patterns*  
Paola Dalla Torre, Paolo Fantozzi, Maurizio Naldi  
(Università di Roma LUMSA)

## 11:15 – Panel 3.

Chair: Gabriele Proserpi  
(Università del Salento)

- *Creativity Unbound: Rethinking Audiovisual Authorship in the Artificial Intelligence Era*  
Allegra Sonogo, Greta Iapalucci  
(Università di Bologna)

- *AI Fought the Law: Comics Creation and Intellectual Property*  
Giorgio Busi Rizzi (Universiteit Gent)

- *Fixing the Universe. Fan-based Practices Between Transmedia Franchises and Participatory Media*  
Piero Villa (University of Urbino Carlo Bo)

## 14:00 – Roundtable Industry Encounter: IP in the Italian Screen Industries

Chair: Christopher Meir  
(Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

Ruggero Di Maggio (Executive Producer, Director) and Elisa Vittone (Attorney-at-Law)

## 15:00 – Closing remarks

Paola Brembilla  
(Università di Bologna)  
Marco Cucco  
(Università di Bologna)  
Christopher Meir  
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