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Maffei 90th Birthday Symposium: Neuroscience, Culture, and Society

9-10 April, 2026, Pisa

DAY1: Thursday, April 9 – Auditorium Area della Ricerca CNR, Via Moruzzi 1, Pisa

10.00 Opening Remarks: **Francesco Dotta**, Director DSB CNR and **Michela Fagiolini**, Director IN CNR

10.10 *Morning session. Chair **Tommaso Pizzorusso**, Scuola Normale Superiore*

10.15 **Takao Hensch** (Harvard University), *Translating critical periods*

10.45 **Hannah Monyer** (German Cancer Research Center), *Exciting inhibition in health and disease*

11.15 **Michael Stryker** (UCSF), *Competition without Competitors in Developing Visual Cortex*

11.45 **Wolf Singer** (Max Planck Institute), *The dynamic brain: Computing with oscillations and waves*

12.15 *End of morning session*

12.30 *Lunch at CNR*

14.45 *Afternoon Session. Chair **Alessandro Cellerino**, Scuola Normale Superiore*

15.00 **Graziella Di Cristo** (University of Montreal), *Neurodevelopmental mechanisms linking cortical interneurons to autism-related phenotypes*

15.30 **Eero Castren** (University of Helsinki), *Neuronal plasticity in the recovery from mood disorders*

16.00 **Tobias Bonhoeffer** (Max Planck Institute), *Of Spines and Engrams*

16.30 **Laura Cancedda** (IIT), *...but always keep the human in mind*

17.00 **Mriganka Sur** (MIT), *Lamberto's insights*

17.30 Concluding remarks





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DAY2: Friday, April 10 – Sala Azzurra Scuola Normale Superiore P.za dei Cavalieri 7, Pisa

Chair **Lina Bolzoni**, Accademia dei Lincei

15.00 Opening remarks, **Alessandro Schiesaro**, Director of Scuola Normale Superiore

15.10 **Salvatore Settis** (Accademia dei Lincei), *Un dialogo fra discipline, da Pisa a Los Angeles a Roma*

15.35 **Lina Bolzoni** (Accademia dei Lincei) *Lamberto, o dell'arte della memoria*

16.00 **Alain Prochiantz** (Collège de France) *Science, the diurnal and the nocturnal*

16.25 **Tommaso Spazzini Villa**, *In questo cielo nascosto tra noi*

16.50 **Sara Longo** (singer) and **Matteo Anelli** (double bassist), *Per Lamberto: godersi il momento, canzoni in jazz*, musical performance

17.20 S.Em Rev.ma Cardinale **Tolentino Mendonça** (Santa Sede), video connection

17.30 Concluding remarks, **Tommaso Pizzorusso**, Vice-director Scuola Normale Superiore

