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***Images and dynamics of
solidarity***

***The case of EU policies on
migration and asylum***

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Introductory remarks and Discussant

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Abstract: Solidarity notably represents an ideal that can be critically addressed along an extremely wide variety of disciplinary and methodological perspectives. While, in the last three decades, wide profusion of studies on the matter has revolved respectively around its sociological, psychological, economical and juridical dimensions, a less explored aspect has been the possibility of a distinctively philosophic-political foundation for that concept. In this light, the seminar will offer, in the first part, a preliminary discussion of the conceptual “anatomy” of solidarity and its relationships to justice. The second part will analyse some passages of the founding treatises of the EU and carve out the implications of the notion of solidarity (that frequently appears in those same documents). Finally, it will discuss the recent developments in the EU’s migration policies (especially with reference to the Pact on Migration and Asylum) and attempt a discussion on the role that the ideal of solidarity plays in the shaping of the relevant legislative initiatives.

Prof. Elena Irrera: Elena Irrera is Associate Professor in Political Philosophy at the University of Bologna. In 2005 she achieved a PhD in Ancient Political Philosophy in Durham University (UK). She has been Lecturer in Ancient Philosophy and Modern and Contemporary Ethics at Warwick University (UK). In 2008 and 2009 she has been *Honorary Research Fellow* in Ancient Philosophy at Durham University (UK). She has been member of the research group “Poetry and Philosophy in the light of Plato”, placed in Bergen University (Norway) (2008-2015). She is permanent member of the *Instituto de Estudios Clásicos para la Sociedad y la Política “Lucio Anneo Séneca”*, at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. She has been project Coordinator for the FIRB project “Feeding Respect. Food policies and minority claims in multicultural societies” (March 2012-October 2015). She is the author of books on Aristotle and articles on issues of ancient, modern and contemporary political philosophy. She is currently working on issues of respect, toleration and solidarity in ancient, modern and contemporary times

Prof. Annalisa Furia: Associate Professor of History of Political Thought at the Department of Cultural Heritage of the University of Bologna since 2019. Her research interests include the study of the political thought of the French Revolution (Sieyès), modern and contemporary doctrines of human rights, citizenship and security and feminist political thought (Martha C. Nussbaum, Joan C. Tronto). She has also studied foreign aid, migration intended as a *res politica* and, more recently, the history of the concept of solidarity in French political thought. She was Visiting Professor at the University of Brighton, Leeds and Aix-Marseille. She is currently the Director of the Master Course on “Human Rights, Migration, Intercultural Inclusion”. Over the years, she has taken part as expert and/or scientific coordinator in many European projects on human rights, migration and development

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