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Invite you to a lecture by:

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THE GHOST OF LIFE: FOR A GENEALOGY OF BIOETHICS

Alessandro Carrera (MCL) will introduce the speaker



Rocco Ronchi is Professor of Theoretical Philosophy at the University of L'Aquila and teaches Philosophy of Communication at the Bocconi University in Milan. A scholar of Bergson, Sartre, Bataille, Jankélévitch, and Lacan, he has written extensively on communication as the very foundation of philosophical enterprise. Recently he has also undertaken a critical analysis of the "philosophy of life." Dr. Ronchi has translated works of Bergson, Sartre, Bataille, and Ignace J. Gelb into Italian, and he contributes to the cultural pages of Italian newspapers. His most recent books are *Liberopensiero* (2006), *Filosofia della comunicazione* (2008), *Bergson* (2011), and *Come fare. Filosofia e resistenza* (2012). His article, "The Ghost of Life," co-written with Federico Leoni, is included in *Italian Critical Theory* ("Annali d'Italianistica," 29, 2011), edited by Alessandro Carrera.

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