

# Adventures of Identity: From the Double to the Avatar - Program

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## ABSTRACT

*Adventures of Identity: From the Double to the Avatar. Paris IAS, 13-14 December 2018 - Program*

International conference organized by Andrea Pinotti (Università Statale di Milano / IEA de Paris 2017/2018), with the support of the Istituto Italiano de Cultura di Parigi and the FMSH

## Program

### 13th December 2018

**Session 1** - chair **Andrea Pinotti** (Università Statale di Milano)

**10:00** Welcoming speech and introductory remarks

**10:30 Charles Malamoud** (EHESS, Paris): " "Tout le monde descend!" La notion d'avatar dans la mythologie et la spéculation de l'Inde hindoue""

**11:30 Alain Berthoz** (Collège de France, Paris): "Neural basis of interaction with avatars"

**12:00** discussant **Federica Cavaletti** (Università Cattolica di Milano) : Round-table discussion

**Session 2** - chair **Antonio Somaini** (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3)

**15:00 Dominique Moulon** (art critic and independent curator): “The art of acting somewhere else”

**15:30 Silvia Romani** (Università Statale di Milano): “Laughs best who laughs last: sardonic doublets of religious tools in Eighteenth Century Sardinia”

**16:30 Cheryce von Xylander** (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin): “Skeuomorphic Selfhood: a Kantian Take on the Avatar”

#### **14th December 2018**

**Session 3** - chair **Tamar Flash** (Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot)

**10:00 Mel Slater** (University of Barcelona): "Being Someone Else – The Power of Avatar Self Representation”

**10:30 Sara Guindani** (FMSH-Collège d’études mondiales, Paris): "Playing for real. The avatar and the double in analytical psychodrama”

**11:30 Barbara Grespi** (Università di Bergamo): “Interacting with your avatar. Problems of gesture recognition”

**12:00** discussant **Elise Harris** (Université Paris Diderot): Round-table discussion

**Session 4** - chair **Giandomenico Iannetti** (Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia, Roma)

**15:00 Olaf Blanke** (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne): “From the neuroscience of self-consciousness to virtual reality, digiceuticals, and human augmentation”

**16:00 Chiara Cappelletto** (Università Statale di Milano): “From Superman to PJ Masks: how masks make us superhumans”

**16:30 Giovanna Borradori** (Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY): “Selfie nationalism”

**17:00** discussant **Jeanne Ferrier** (Université Paris Diderot): Round-table discussion