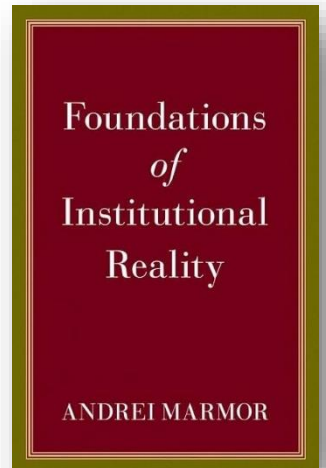**Dottorato in Scienze Giuridiche "Cesare Beccaria", a.a. 2024-2025**

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A Dialogue with Andrei Marmor

Discussion of Andrei Marmor's
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"The thought might be that any philosophical account of a social practice would need to offer the kind of explanation that would rationalize the practice for its participants, make it intelligible to them why they engage in it, and what the point of it is, for them. I call this the internal rationalization constraint […]. My main argument in this chapter is that a reductive metaphysical explanation of a social practice is not subject to the internal rationalization constraint, and that this is one of the main differences between a metaphysical theory of social practices and a hermeneutical one. […] My point is going to be that metaphysical theories about the nature of law, or any other social practice for that matter, do not need to rise to the challenge. A grounding-reductive account of social practices does not need to meet the internal rationalization constraint. Hermeneutic theories of practices do take the rationalization of the practice for its participants as an important objective, but then they must also rely on a different, essentially normative methodological framework" (pp. 105-106).

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Programme

4pm   Registration of participants

4:15pm   Chair: Francesco Ferraro (Università degli Studi di Milano; Politeia)

4:20pm   **Andrei Marmor** (Cornell University)

4:50pm   Discussant:
                 Adriano Zambon (Università degli Studi di Siena)

5:10pm   Q&A and Open Discussion

Scientific Committee:
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