

# NORMATIVE KINDS

## FINAL CONFERENCE

### Values and Classificatory Decisions in the Social and Biomedical Sciences



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#### **When:**

Wednesday **September 3, 2025**

10:00 am to 5:30 pm

Thursday **September 4, 2025**

10:00 am to 5 pm

#### **Where:**

Aula 113

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#### Wednesday, 3 September 2025

10.00 - Francesco Guala & Davide Serpico: *The Normative Kinds project*

10.30 - Genoveva Marti (ICREA & University of Barcelona): *Being flexible about indeterminacy*

11.30 - Break

12.00 - Muhammad Ali Khalidi (City University of New York): *Wherein are social kinds normative?*

13.00 - Lunch

15.00 - John Dupré (University of Exeter): *Kinds of processual individual*

16.00 - Break

16.30 - Joshua Rust (Stetson University): *Individuating processes and pluralistic methodologies*

17.30 - End

#### Thursday, 4 September 2025

10.00 - Don Ross (University College Cork, University of Cape Town, Georgia State University): *Norms as real statistical patterns in behaviour: Welfare identification and strategic mindshaping*

11.00 - Break

11.30 - Anna Alexandrova (University of Cambridge): *Thick concepts in science: Do they need special treatment?*

12.30 - Lunch

14.30 - David Teira (UNED, Madrid): *Racial categories in the Spanish Golden Age*

15.30 - Break

16.00 - Martina Bacaro & Francesco Bianchini (University of Bologna): *Normativity for Machine Learning: the role of normative kinds in learning from demonstration*

17.00 - End

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