



## **Evolution: Intersecting Natural and Social Sciences**

an International Congress organized by the Santa Chiara Graduate School and Pro.M Chair in Bioeconomics of the University of Siena.

The Congress will be held on **10-13 December 2009 in Siena (Italy)**, and will focus on three major themes at the intersection between organic evolution and social sciences:

- **Bioeconomics and evolutionary mechanisms in social and natural sciences**
- **Behavioural evolution and comparative studies of animal societies**
- **Human nature and human culture: crossroads of evolution**

In the context of Darwin bicentenary celebrations, we wish to approach his groundbreaking works trying to investigate the relationships between natural evolution and human social systems, and their possible implications for society. Both methodological and data driven presentations are welcome. The congress will include multiple sessions, invited lectures by leading researchers in each field and oral presentations by participants.

### **Invited speakers:**

**Edoardo Boncinelli**, University Vita-Salute and Santa Chiara Graduate School; **Samuel Bowles**, University of Siena and Santa Fe Institute; **Luigi Luca Cavalli-Sforza**, Stanford University; **Michael T. Ghiselin**, California Academy of Sciences and Santa Chiara Chair in Bioeconomics.

### **Scientific Committee:**

**Samuel Bowles**, Santa Fe Institute and University of Siena; **Francesco Frati**, University of Siena; **Michael Ghiselin**, California Academy of Science and Santa Chiara Chair in Bioeconomics; **Janet Landa**, York University; **Ugo Pagano**, University of Siena; **Robert Rowthorn**, University of Cambridge and Santa Chiara Chair in Bioeconomics; **Lucia Sarti**, University of Siena.

### **Under the auspices of:**

Santa Chiara Graduate School and Chair in Bioeconomics; Monte dei Paschi Foundation; SIBE-ISEB, Italian Society for Evolutionary Biology; Pikaia.eu, the portal of Evolution; UZI, Italian Zoological Union

### **Organization**

The Congress will be held at the College Santa Chiara, University of Siena, in Siena downtown. The official language of the Congress will be English. Most participants will be lodged in the College Santa Chiara, although alternative accommodations can be found in private Hotels in town.

Additional information, session schedule and a preliminary program can be found on the Congress website, or you can e-mail us for any inquiry or to be entered in the Congress' mailing list.

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