INTRODUCTION

The time for a critical reconsideration of Cesare Lombroso's thinking and work, with particular reference to the Criminal Anthropology, has come now, even symbolically, a century after his death and the debate developed at that time and neglected in subsequent years.

Emblematic figure of the late Nineteenth Century, the psychiatrist, born in Verona, is still known for having extended the principles of positivism to the criminal law experience, focusing the tasks of modern criminal law on the "natural dangerousness", clinically diagnosed.

Prefiguring the decline of the traditional concepts – free will as the moral foundation of the culpability, and crime and sanction as purely legal "entities" – which founded the punishment at that time ("Scuola Classica").

Today the criticism of Lombroso on the classical principles of criminal law can be considered, paradoxically, in many ways, current: it's possible to revalue Cesare Lombroso in "his" Verona starting from the meaning of the "Criminal Anthropology", which is the origin of today's criminological research lines.

Friday, 16. October

9.30

Opening of the Conference

10.00

First Session

PHILOSOPHICAL, HISTORICAL AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASPECTS

Chair:

Prof. Francesca Zanuso

(University of Verona)

Prof. Stamatios Tzitzis

(Université Pantheon-Assas Paris II)

Lombroso and the Challenges of the Criminal Postmodern

Humanism

Prof. Renzo Villa

(Maison des Sciences de l'Homme -Paris) Lombroso' School in Turin at the End of the Century

11.15

Coffee break

Prof. Daniele Velo Dalbrenta

(University of Verona)

Lombroso's ideal type of Delinquent between History, Literature and Rhetoric

12.00

Prof. Stéphane Bauzon

(University of Rom "Tor Vergata")

Cesare Lombroso and the Genetic Bio-determinism

12.20

Discussion

13.00

Lunch

14.30

Second Session

CRIMINOLOGICAL AND CRIMINAL LAW ASPECTS

Chair:

Prof. Luis Arroyo Zapatero

(University of Verona)

Prof. Uberto Gatti

(University of Genoa)

Lights and Shadows of the Ideas of Cesare Lombroso as "Father" of Criminology

Prof. Adolfo Ceretti

(University of Milan-Bicocca) Homo Poenalis, Homo Criminalis

16.30

Coffee break

Chair:

Prof. Luigi Stortoni

(University of Bologna)

Prof. Guido Neppi Modona

(University of Valle d'Aosta and Vice President Emeritus of the Constitutional Court) Cesare Lombroso's Investigations on Prison Population

17.30

Discussion

18.00

Visit at the "Archivio di Cesare Lombroso" by the "Società Letteraria di Verona"

Saturday, 17. October

9.30

Third Session

THE RESONANCE OF THE CRIMINAL ANTHROPOLOGY OF LOMBROSO IN THE WORLD

Chair:

Prof. Dr. John Vervaele

(University of Utrecht)

Prof. Dr. Mary F. Gibson

(John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York) The International Reception of Lombroso's Theory of the Female Offender ("la donna delinquente").

Prof. Dr. Dina Siegel

(University of Utrecht)

The influence of Lombroso on Bio- and Cultural Criminology

11.00 Coffee break

Chair:

Prof. Lorenzo Picotti

(University of Castilla La Mancha)

Prof. Dr. Enrique Bacigalupo

(Tribunal Supremo - Madrid)

The influence of the ideas of Cesare Lombroso in Spain and in Latin American countries

Dr. Giuditta Creazzo

(University of Bologna)

Cesare Lombroso and the Italian Criminological Positivism in Argentina

12.00

Discussion and Conclusion

SCIENTIFIC COORDINAMENT

Prof. Lorenzo Picotti Prof.ssa Francesca Zanuso Prof. Daniele Velo Dalbrenta Dr. Roberto Flor

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Cesare Lombroso (1835-1909)

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