The workshop will focus on an important concept/notion: trust/mistrust and or confidence. Trust is an ambiguous notion because it can imply at least three different uses. We talk about trust as a condition of belief in other’s future (not certain) actions. We talk about trust as the state of being responsible for someone. We talk about trust as a basic emotion, a firm reliance that can give a feeling of security which can motivate a person to form relationships with others and to depend on others (see e.g. T. Hobbes, The Elements of law Natural and Politic, I, chap. IX, 9.)

Therefore we can say that "Trust" denotes both the quality of relationships between individuals or social groups, the decision of engaging in an uncertain situation, and the emotion that leads to this action. Trust is a cognitive and emotional complex state, a mix of rationality and emotions that implies a risky relational dimension.

The concept of trust played an important role in the Western social and political thought: according to the classical theories of social contract trust is a prerequisite of political order and the foundation of the society. Despite this the philosophy did not take into account the notion of trust. Instead the social sciences, particularly economics and social psychology, have often addressed this issue. But the presence of this concept is always mixed with other – more moral than analytical - concepts, e.g. legitimacy, cooperation, solidarity.

On the other hand, trust is often based on inconclusive evidence, and may therefore involve risk: it can also be dangerous. We argue that the concept of trust/confidence is insufficiently elaborated especially from a philosophical point of view. We intend therefore critically scrutinize and reconstruct the historical outline of trust/mistrust in the philosophical thinking.

The languages of the workshop are English and French.
Sunday 25th of May — Arrival Rome
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Monday 26th of May

9.30 Introductions and welcoming remarks by Turid Karlsen Seim (The Norwegian Institute).
Introduction round: all participants introduce themselves

10.00 Gilbert Vincent: «Question de confiance: l'autorité des traditions»
Letterio Mauro: «Comment peut-on édifier et maintenir une constitution? La pistis dans la Politique d'Aristote»

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Mirella Pasini: «Fides et justitia»

12.00 Discussion

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Paola de Cuzzani: «La confiance et les sentiments d'attente»
Daniel Frey: «La vertu de confiance” (Comte-Sponville, Jankélévitch, Dumas)»

15.00 Coffee break

15.15 Jonas Lillebø: «Traduction comme paradigme de l'ouverture»

Tuesday 27th of May

10.00 Arild Utaker: «Trust and doxa in a philosophical tradition dominated by knowledge and truth; Plato and Wittgenstein»
Hans Marius Hasteen: «Knowledge, Trust and Recognition»

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 Irene Ottonello: «Trust, Reasons and Respect for Persons»
Anne Granberg: «Trust and Power in Hannah Arendt’s conception of the political»

12.15 Discussion

Wednesday 28th of May

10.00 Fréderic Rognon: «La confiance : victime, antidote ou vecteur des pensées du soupçon?»
Pascal Nouvel: «Getting untrusted: the birth of contempt in human relationships as a consequence of the alteration of trust»

Discussion about publishing the papers of this workshop

Afternoon: travelling home