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20 years of *RES Viva* : Marking the anniversary

RES Viva traces its origins to 1993, emerging organically from the teaching and research activities of the *Philosophies of Biology Group*, which initially took shape within SILFS, the Italian Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science. Constituted in 2006 as the *Interuniversity Research Centre for the Epistemology and History of Life Sciences*, RES Viva will celebrate its twentieth anniversary in 2026. Today, it brings together six universities (Turin, Pisa, Pisa–Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Cassino, and Catania), in addition to the three Roman universities and the CNR Institute for the History of Philosophy and Science in the Modern Age (ISPF) in Naples.

RES Viva's research activity, which originally developed around the work of the philosopher of science Vittorio Somenzi and the zoologist and historian of science Pietro Omodeo, is devoted to advancing interdisciplinary studies in the philosophy and history of the life sciences. It focuses in particular on the cognitive, ethical, and social implications of scientific developments, and is committed to fostering cultural and scholarly exchange within both national and international cooperation frameworks.

Its principal areas of interest include the historical and epistemological analysis of evolutionary theories and their extrapolations beyond biology; the study of epigenetics at the intersection of genomics and evolution and its impact on the transformation of key biological concepts; cognitive neuroscience and the philosophy of language in light of phylogeny and ontogeny; the cognitive and behavioral sciences; the material history and philosophy of technology; and the social sciences.

Over the course of its activity (see <https://www.resviva.it/>), the Centre has produced numerous publications and organized national and international conferences, consistently applying a systemic and interdisciplinary approach to the life sciences. The website offers an overview of the initiatives and scholarly output of the researchers affiliated with the Centre, which is now also embracing new forms of scientific dissemination through the forthcoming launch of its YouTube channel.

RES Viva's historical, epistemological, and interdisciplinary vocation found its most recent expression in the International Conference held in Naples, 'Environment(s). Trajectories of a Concept', the proceedings of which are published in this journal issue. This event, organized in collaboration with ISPF, celebrates two decades of scholarly commitment to advancing the understanding of the life sciences through rigorous epistemological and historical inquiry.



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