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- 2.45 pm Opening Speech and Greetings
Nicola Perullo, Rector
- 3.00 What is the History of Food the History Of?
Steven Shapin, Harvard University
- 3.45 History and Ways of Reasoning about Food
Paolo Savoia, University of Bologna
- 4.30 *Break*
- 4.45 Free-from: the Rise and Fall of Sugar in Contemporary Dietetics
Ilaria Ventura Bordenca, University of Palermo
- 5.30 Recent Retellings: the 'New Nutrition Science Project' and
Moral Expertise over Nutrition
Lisa Haushofer, University of Amsterdam

Chair: Gabriele Proglia, University of Pollenzo

5 December

- 9.30 am Conceding Lived Experience
Kenneth Liberman, University of Oregon
- 10.15 Eating and Appearing: Conflicts and Negotiations
Gianfranco Marrone, University of Palermo
- 11.00 *Break*
- 11.15 History of Science and Popular Proverbs
Massimo Montanari, University of Bologna

Chair: Andrea Borghini, University of Milan

- 12.00 Final Remarks and Discussion
coordinated by Flavio D'Abramo, University of Pollenzo