

PROGRAMME

EMBODIMENT

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VENICE

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A two-day programme of talks and discussion on embodiment, body ownership, virtual agents, artificial limbs, social interaction, memory and transformation.

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DAY 1

May 21

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- 13:00 - 13:15 **Opening**
Introduction by the Organisers.
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- 13:15 - 13:50 **Patrick Haggard and Grégoire Prangé**
Embodiment as art, and as performance
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- 13:50 - 14:25 **Beatrice de Gelder**
Embodiment as body perception from inside out
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- 14:25 - 15:00 **Olaf Blanke**
Social and embodiment-related mechanisms of invisible presences
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- 15:00 - 15:40 **BREAK** *Coffee break.*
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- 15:40 - 16:15 **Andrea Serino**
Peripersonal Space in Virtual Reality: Linking Self-Consciousness and Anticipatory Immune Responses
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- 16:15 - 16:50 **Agnieszka Wykowska**
Using humanoid robots to study the role of embodiment in human cognition
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- 16:50 - 17:25 **Liuba Papeo**
Intentional Agents and Social Agents: A visual account
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- 17:25 - 18:00 **Martin Giese**
Using Virtual Agents to Study the Visual Encoding of Dynamic Bodies and Faces in Primate Cortex

DAY 2

May 22

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- 11:00 - 11:35 **Mavi Sanchez-Vives**
The body as a tool for change: scaling virtual embodiment in gender-based violence rehabilitation
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- 11:35 - 12:10 **Tamar Makin**
Homo Cyberneticus: Neurocognitive embodiment of artificial limbs
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- 12:10 - 12:45 **Salvatore Aglioti**
Bodily self-consciousness in moral decision-making
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- 12:45 - 13:05 **BREAK** *Coffee break.*
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- 13:05 - 13:40 **H. Henrik Ehrsson**
Oscillatory and time-resolved dynamics of body ownership
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- 13:40 - 14:15 **Michael Brecht**
Embodiment of Trunks and Noses in Brains
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- 14:15 - 14:50 **LUNCH** *Lunch break.*
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- 14:50 - 15:25 **Mariana Babo-Rebello**
Embodied Episodic Memory: The Role of the Body in Encoding and Reliving Personal Events
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- 15:25 - 16:00 **Mel Slater**
Virtual Counterclockwise: Embodiment of Older People in their Past Improves Cognitive and Physical Functioning
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- 16:00 - 16:20 **BREAK** *Coffee break.*
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- 16:20 - 16:55 **Sylvia Pan**
Transforming real life social interaction with VR embodiment
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- 16:55 - 17:30 **Ana Tajadura-Jimenez**
Sensing the body through sound: Body Transformation Experiences and applications for health
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- 17:30 - 18:00 **CLOSING SESSION** *Discussion.*