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Pistoia-Dialogues on Man ***Fifth edition: 23-24-25 May 2014***

The festival of contemporary anthropology, **Pistoia—Dialogues about Man** (www.dialoghisulluomo.it) is back from May 23-25, 2014. The cultural event, promoted by 'Cassa di Risparmio di Pistoia e Pescia' Foundation and the Municipality of Pistoia, is designed and directed by **Giulia Cogoli**.

The 2014 edition follows the success of last year's festival, which clocked up more than 15.000 visitors.

There will be 22 appointments programmed over three days in the old city center of Pistoia: debates, lectures, readings, performances in the company of some of the most influential and eminent Italian and international scholars. All the appointments are designed to be accessible to the general public and people interested in exploring new tools and stimuli for analyzing and understanding contemporary reality.

The fifth edition of the *Dialogues* explores the theme "**Sharing the World. For an Ecology of Common Goods**". This subject is of great anthropological interest, as well as being extremely topical at a time when financial and moral crises are forcing all of us to re-examine what it means to live together.

«Many feel that 2014 is the year of sharing» **explains festival director, Giulia Cogoli** «Journalists, economists and sociologists insist that sharing is our last option to overcome the crisis and other emergencies, and to enable us to face the future with confidence. Sharing has now become a part of our everyday lives, from spontaneous daily practices to more advanced and sophisticated forms. Nowadays, a sharing economy, co-working, crowdfunding, carsharing and book swapping are common buzzwords: out of both necessity and virtue, "sharing" is once again a widespread practice and notion, after decades of idealising consumption and individual ownership».

Common goods are both tangible and intangible entities, which can define one's sense of belonging to a territory or community. So this year's theme is therefore central to understanding a new form of economy, democracy and society.

The festival is an important occasion for cultural sharing that helps us grow, expand our awareness and acquire new tools and stimuli.

Information and program: www.dialoghisulluomo.it

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