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### **HONORARY DOCTORATE AWARDED TO WERNER GEPHART AND ANSELM KIEFER**

The University of Turin will award an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy to Werner Gephart and Anselm Kiefer. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, November 26, in the *Aula magna della Cavallerizza Reale* (via Verdi 9).

Werner Gephart (born in 1949) is Professor for Sociology at the University of Bonn and further Director of its Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities "Law as Culture" ([www.recht-als-kultur.de](http://www.recht-als-kultur.de)). Anselm Kiefer is a photographer and painter who was born in Southern Germany in 1945 during the decisive days that marked the end of the "Third Reich". As an artist, he has focused on strong political and symbolic topics from the beginning.

The former is awarded the title for the ability to reunite the three spheres separated in modernity: Ethics by way of reflections on normativity and values; theory through reflections on the foundations of law and society; and aesthetics through the love of the arts and the artistic practice of painting.

The latter is honored for creating a wonderful synthesis of philosophical reflection and artistic expression and for following a speculative path with extraordinarily fruitful paintings that are capable of dealing not only with the tragedy of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, but simultaneously also with the present.

Following opening remarks by Chancellor Gianmaria Ajani and a lecture by the Assistant Director of the Institute for Philosophy and Educational Sciences, Ugo Volli, the respective *laudationes* will be presented (by Prof. Maurizio Ferraris and Prof. Federico Vercellone), followed by the two *lectiones magistralis*. To attend the event, please register by November 24 with the "Centro Congressi Internazionale" under 0039 / 011/2446911 or by mail to [Elena.baccalaro@congressiefiere.com](mailto:Elena.baccalaro@congressiefiere.com)

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