

University School for Advanced Studies

The University School for Advanced Studies IUSS Pavia is an Italian Public Institution devoted to research and higher education. Since 1997, IUSS fulfills an advanced teaching and research model in the field of different important disciplines. The research activity of the Humanities and Life Sciences Department is organized within the Neurocognition, Epistemology and Theoretical Syntax (NEtS) Research Center founded in 2011. NEtS involves international leading figures such as Noam Chomsky, Stanislas Dehaene and Angela Friederici in its Scientific Board and it established several formal agreements with prestigious international academic and research institutions, including the University College of London, the Institut Jean Nicod in Paris and the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig. The research at NEtS is focused on three major domains:

▶ Linguistics

Syntax, neurolinguistics, computational linguistics and pragmatics.

- Cognitive neuroscience
 Decision making, neuroeconomics, cognitive ageing and dementia.
- Philosophy
 Epistemology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of mathematics, philosophy of science.

The grant-based research projects developed at NEtS frequently involve different issues and integrate formal, philosophical and experimental methodologies.

Along with the research activity, this Department hosts two Ph.D. Programs: one in Cognitive Neuroscience and Philosophy of Mind in collaboration with the Università San Raffaele in Milan, and one in Biomolecular Sciences and Biotechnology in collaboration with the University of Pavia.

Leonardo da Vinci was summoned in Pavia in 1490 by Gian Galeazzo Maria Sforza to work at the project of the cathedral together with the architect Francesco di Giorgio, a renowned expert of Vitruvius. In Pavia he most probably drew his Vitruvian man, one of the most iconic images in the world.





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