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"Post truth, politics and indebted Sovereignty"

In her first book, *Il Trucco. Sessualità e biopolitica nella fine di Berlusconi* (2014) Ida Dominijanni explored the crisis of the symbolic order of the Oedipal law (the Lacanian idea of "evaporation of the father") and engaged the work of several authors such as Arendt, Butler, Foucault, and Žižek. In her critical reflection about the devices of Berlusconi's power, she points out how the sphere of sexuality brings us back to the "political conflict between the sexes" and disputes the claims of post-feminism of a simple interchangeability of genders.

In this talk, she will present some of the ideas that inspired her forthcoming book *The Difference of the Italian Difference. Between Feminism and Biopolitics* (Fordham).



Dominijanni is an Italian journalist and a prominent intellectual of the Diotima Philosophical Community. She offered several seminars of philosophy at the Universities of Verona and Siena and in 2014/15 she was a Fellow of the Society for the Humanities at Cornell University (Ithaca, NY). She is the author of many essays translated in German and French that appeared in top Italian and US journals.



