Origen's hermeneutics of a text as fundamental for Christian theology and anthropology as the Book of Genesis can be reconstructed not only on the basis of the ancient exegetical chains, preserving a number of fragments of his lost Commentary on Genesis, but also of other extant works composed by this great thinker. Among early Christian writers, it was especially Origen who, with remarkable consistency, deployed a systematic vision of the world and humanity in relation to Genesis.
However, the almost total loss of Origen's Commentary is, at present, the most serious gap in a full understanding of his thought. From what we can infer from the fragments handed down in the so-called chains, and from what we learn from ancient historians and writers, it is in this Commentary that Origen proposed his most audacious ideas about both the pre-existence of souls and the universal salvation (apocatastasis). It is therefore time for scholars to focus on the reconstruction, albeit partial, of the text, and to pay attention to the lines of biblical exegesis, with their anthropological and metaphysical contents, which are detectable in those remains.

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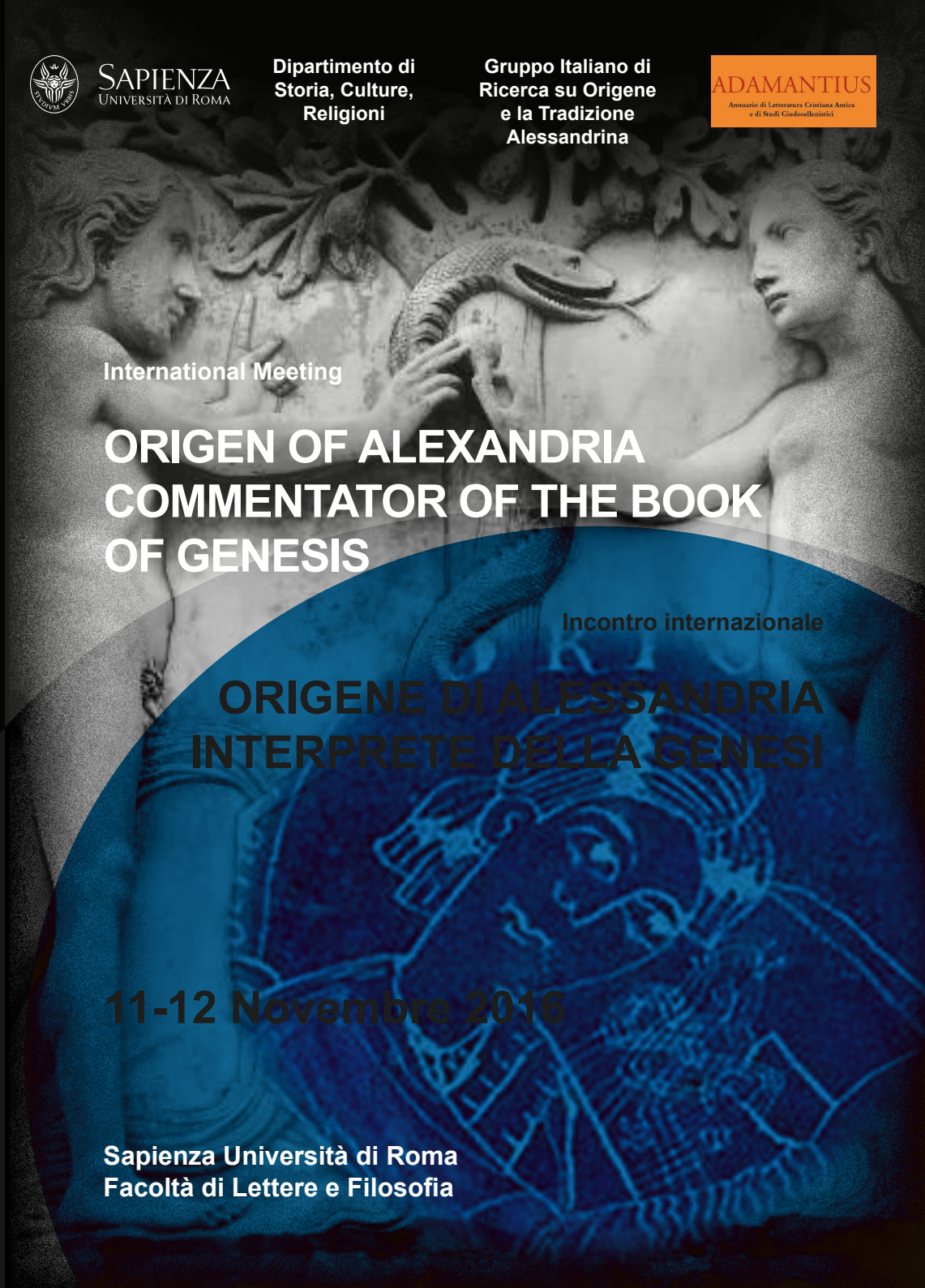

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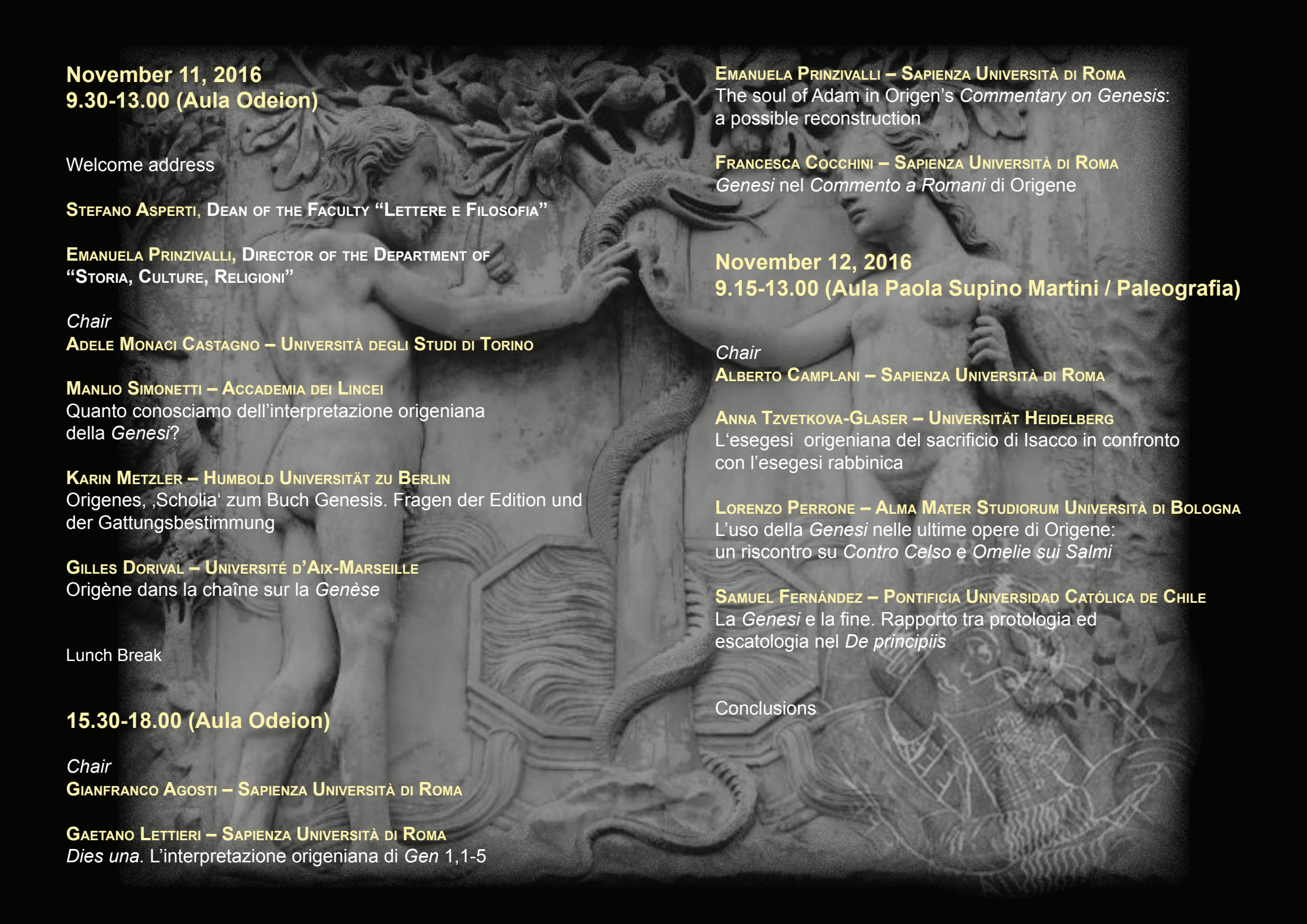

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Welcome address

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Manlio Simonetti – Accademia dei Lincei
Quanto conosciamo dell'interpretazione origeniana della *Genesi*?

Karin Metzler – Humbold Universität zu Berlin
Origenes, ‚Scholia' zum Buch Genesis. Fragen der Edition und der Gattungsbestimmung

Gilles Dorival – Université d'Aix-Marseille
Origène dans la chaîne sur la *Genèse*

Lunch Break

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Gianfranco Agosti – Sapienza Università di Roma

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Dies una. L'interpretazione origeniana di *Gen* 1,1-5

Emanuela Prinzivalli – Sapienza Università di Roma
The soul of Adam in Origen's *Commentary on Genesis*: a possible reconstruction

Francesca Cocchini – Sapienza Università di Roma
Genesi nel *Commento a Romani* di Origene

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9.15-13.00 (Aula Paola Supino Martini / Paleografia)

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L'esegesi origeniana del sacrificio di Isacco in confronto con l'esegesi rabbinica

Lorenzo Perrone – Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna
L'uso della *Genesi* nelle ultime opere di Origene: un riscontro su *Contro Celso* e *Omelie sui Salmi*

Samuel Fernández – Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
La *Genesi* e la fine. Rapporto tra protologia ed escatologia nel *De principiis*

Conclusions