

The International Center for the Arts presents.....



A READING RETREAT ON RESTORATION AND REWILDING

IN UMBRIA , THE GREEN HEART OF ITALY

Monte Castello di Vibio, Umbria, Italy. June 11th to 21st 2017.

Applications are currently being sought for participants interested in ten days of reading and discussion on restoration and rewilding. This retreat will take place in the medieval Italian hill town of Monte Castello di Vibio. Using facilities made available by the International Center for the Arts, this small group of scholars will spend mornings reading and discussing important contemporary papers in environmental thinking and evenings workshopping papers-in-progress by the group's members.

The idea is to provide a relaxing and unique environment for some focused work on important emerging areas of environmental philosophy. Monte Castello will provide a serene and picturesque setting for our work. Its proximity to Todi, Florence, and Perugia provides opportunities for numerous side-trips during (or after) the workshop. The small group is designed to provide a supportive and high quality intellectual environment for exploring new areas of environmental

philosophy and for peer evaluation of each other's work and ideas. Reading materials will be suggested by participants prior to arrival in Italy.



There will be three field trips during our stay. One will involve a glimpse of the local agricultural economy by following truffle hunting dogs in the Monte Castello area. A second will be to Assisi and the forests that cloak Monte Subasio. The third will be to the Monti Sibillini National Park near Norcia to discuss some Italian efforts at re-wilding. The weekend will be available to use as you wish.



The fee of 1550 EUR will include food and lodging in Monte Castello for 11 nights as well as transportation for the field trips. (Meals out during the field trips as well as travel expenses to and from the Center for the Arts in Monte Castello di Vibio are the responsibility of participants).

To apply, please send a one-page resume, a brief (250 word) explanation of your interests in restoration and rewilding, and a brief suggestion about a topic or a paper you would like see discussed to christopher.preston@umontana.edu by

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Please note that the workshop is contingent upon interest and sufficient (10) applicants. Feel free to share with other potentially interested parties.

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