



UNIVERSITÀ
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Corso di Dottorato in
**INFIAMMAZIONE,
IMMUNITÀ E CANCRO**



Tuesday, 28th
April 2026



09.20AM – 1.30PM



Aula Magna S.20,
Istituti Biologici 3

PhD DEFENCE DAY

PROGRAM

09:20 – 9:30 Opening remarks

Prof. Stefano Ugel

Coordinator of the PhD Course

09:30 – 10:00

Prof. Alessandra Cambi

Guest speaker

Mechanobiology of myeloid cells: from mechanosensory podosomes to immune suppression

10:00 – 10:30 – Defence

Eliana Urbini

PhD Candidate

c-FLIP mRNA-based engineering of Dendritic Cells: a new strategy for inducing long-term immune tolerance

10:30 – 11:00 – Defence

Nicolas Binetti

PhD Candidate

Claudin-18 expression improves T lymphocyte-dependent tumor cell clearance

11:00 – 11:30 – Break

11:30 – 12:00 – Defence

Chiara Bracaglia

PhD Candidate

Innate immune system in the pathogenesis of Chronic Obstructive Disease

12:00 – 12:30 – Defence

Yushu Hu

PhD Candidate

Inflammatory Reprogramming of Monocytes Disrupts Tumor Dormancy and Promotes Distant Tumor Spread

12:30 – 13:00 – Defence

Camillo Balanzin

PhD Candidate

Understanding the fate of slan+ monocytes in the tumor microenvironment

13:20 – Closing remarks

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

- Prof. Flavia Bazzoni (General Pathology Section, University of Verona, Italy)
- Prof. Fulvia Vascotto (TRON – Translational Oncology at the University Medical Center of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany)
- Prof. Alessandra Cambi (Department of Medical BioSciences, Radboud University Medical Center, The Netherlands)