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GIUSEPPE BARETTI (1719–1789): UN INTELLETTUALE TRANSNAZIONALE

**A GUEST LECTURE
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Lecture in Italian

Dr. Savoia will talk about Giuseppe Baretti, 18th-century polyglot and intellectual, and his modern approach to the study of languages that acknowledged their individual national histories and literary traditions, rejecting the notion – common at the time – of linguistic hierarchies. Baretti focused on the intrinsic properties of words, how they can combine and change meaning in expressive and artistic ways to reach a larger and more diverse audience, and how they provide each reader with an engaging, instructive, or entertaining experience. As a lexicographer and a language teacher, he was aware of the structure and history of the lexicon of the languages he used and taught, and he made very effective use of this knowledge to mediate between cultures.

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