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CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE EVENT: "OLTRE IL CONFINE" (OVER THE EDGE)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

“Ma sedendo e mirando, interminati / spazi **di là da quella**, e sovrumani / silenzi, e profondissima quiete / io nel pensier mi fingo, ove per poco / il cor non si spaura.”.

These are the first lines from *L'infinito* by the Italian poet Giacomo Leopardi. These lines highlight his longing for imagining countless worlds *beyond* the hedge. For the 200th anniversary of the writing of this poem, students of “Giacomo Leopardi” School of Advanced Studies, which takes its name from the famous Italian poet, are issuing on their own initiative a call for papers for the students who are part of the RIASSISU (Rete Italiana degli Allievi delle Scuole e degli Istituti di Studi Superiori Universitari¹) and for the students who are part of the other Italian Collegi di merito, as well as the students of the University of Macerata. This call for papers is focused on the topic of going "**over the edge**", of crossing the border. The line that separates bodies, countries and regions, point of encounter and conflict, a merging-and-splitting point, the border is, today more than ever, at the core of transdisciplinary discussions, ranging from Mathematics to Philosophy, from Science to Literature. Crossing the border, imagining a “beyond”, overcoming a limit which was previously thought to be insurmountable are just some of the major challenges of the present days. Because of this transdisciplinary nature, the papers can range from one subject to another.

The students selected from the call will give a speech during the event "Across the edge", organized by the students of the Giacomo Leopardi School of Advanced Studies. The event will take place on **Friday, 18th October 2019**. This initiative is part of the **Festival Nazionale degli Studenti Universitari – Unifestival 2019**², during which the University of Macerata will implement the organization of cultural events proposed by the students of the University of Macerata.

Thanks to the encounter of distant research and study areas, the aim of this event is to make it possible to imagine the limitlessness of the world which - quoting what Leopardi wrote in his *L'infinito* - “da tanta parte/ Dell'ultimo orizzonte il guardo esclude”.

¹ Italian Network of the Students of the Schools and Institutes for Advanced University Studies, ndt.

² National Festival of University Students - Unifestival 2019, ndt.



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2. NUMBER OF PAPERS AND STUDENTS

This call for papers will select:

- **8** papers written by students who are part of the RIASISSU and the other students who are part of the other Italian Collegi di merito;
- **2** papers written by the students of the University of Macerata.

In case the number of abstracts of the students of the RIASISSU and the students of the Italian Collegi di merito ARRIVED AND/OR selected is lower than 8, then the remaining part can be replaced by the abstracts of the students from the University of Macerata (in case the number of papers arrived and selected is more than 2), and vice versa. If the number of papers arrived and/or selected by the Selection Committee is lower than 10, then the speakers (namely the students selected) will be less, hence they will have more time for their speeches.

3. HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The students who want to take part in the call for papers have to send the abstracts of their papers (**250 words max.**) within **September, 15th 2019** to the e-mail address sssgl.unifestival@gmail.com, writing as Object of their mail "**Unifestival 2019**". The abstracts collected will then be sent to the Selection Committee, in total anonymity. The Selection Committee is composed by the students of the Giacomo Leopardi School of Advanced Studies who will not take part in the call. The Committee will give notice of the papers selected within **September, 25th 2019**. The authors of the papers selected will have time until **September, 28th 2019** to confirm their participation in the event and they have to send the full version of their work (**3000 words max**, bibliography included) within **October, 10th 2019**.

4. THE EVENT

The students selected will have 15 minutes for their speeches. Moreover, they can choose between two options: either giving their speeches **traditionally** (with a verbal speech) or - in order to fit with the purposes of Unifestival - **with a performance** (through monologues, by interacting with the audience, etc.). In the latter case, they will have to send the written transcript of their performance.



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Furthermore, both the abstract of the paper and the work itself, as well as the speech at the event, can be in Italian or in English, at the discretion of the student selected.

Each speech will be followed by a debate, during which the audience can intervene by asking some questions to the speaker (the student selected).

At the end of the event, there will be given some awards to:

- the student who wrote the best paper, voted by the Selection Committee;
- the student who has offered the best speech/performance, voted by the audience (people participating in the event will be asked to vote the best speech/performance).

5. THE BENEFITS

The students selected will be housed through the entire duration of the event (**October, 17th-18th-19th 2019**) in one of the halls in Macerata. They will benefit from free room and board.

The University of Macerata will take on all the charges.

The papers selected will be published in e-book version by the Italian publisher EUM (Edizioni dell'Università di Macerata).

6. CONTACTS

For further information, please contact the organizers at the following e-mail addresses:

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