



Call for Papers

STUDENT CONFERENCE 2020
WHAT WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HISTORY
Reflections and perspectives

17-19 February 2020

Department of Scienze Politiche e Sociali, Università degli Studi di Pavia

Deadline for application: **SEPTEMBER 30th, 2019**

What we talk about when we talk about history is a *Student Conference* for graduate students and PhD students who have worked and work on thesis and research projects in the field of Modern and Contemporary History.

The *Student Conference* aims to encourage dialogue between students and doctoral students from different backgrounds on the methodology of historical research: from historiographic trends to the screening of sources, from the construction of a discourse of identity and memory to the intersection with philosophy and political doctrines, up to the "new" challenges and perspectives.

In recent years, the methodology of historical research has faced profound changes; the increasingly marked phenomena of globalization and digitization have placed the historian in front of the need to deal with non-traditional sources and with a new language. In this context, the questions "what is history for?" and "what does the 'historical profession' involve" have come up again today with great urgency.

The *Call for Papers* is aimed at students (in possess of a Bachelor degree) and PhD students (up to and including the Italian XXXII cycle – or who have not yet obtained their qualification) who wish to present their current research, focusing on the methodological aspects, the problems faced and the choices made in the course of their studies.

The proposals for reflection will be divided into five thematic panels:

1. **Construction of identity and memory.** The past as a symbolic resource and the relationship between identity and memory in historical and modern societies;
2. **To interpret history through philosophy and political doctrines.** Categories and methods of historical research filtered through the lenses of philosophical and political thought;
3. **What sources for the historian?** The "traces" of historical research, from archive to oral sources, the use of images, photographs, artistic artifacts, up to social networks;
4. **Historical trajectories: from micro-stories to World History.** Methodological questions related to the redefinition of the perspective of investigation, theoretical boundaries, limits and interpretative possibilities;
5. **Environmental history of the modern and contemporary age.** The analysis of environmental phenomena through ecology, climatology, earth sciences, with reference to different epochs and geographical areas.

Candidates must submit their application **by 30 September 2019**. Under penalty of exclusion, the following documents must be attached to the application:

- **Abstract:** maximum length 500 words. The proposal must contain, in the header, a reference to the panel (number and title) for which it is submitted;
- *Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum*.



The materials must be sent to the following e-mail address: studentconference2020@unipv.it

Contributions will be evaluated anonymously; the selected candidates will be contacted by e-mail as soon as possible. Participants admitted to the Student Conference will have to send by **15 January 2020** the paper on which they will base their speech (minimum 20,000 - maximum 40,000 characters).

The Student Conference will be held in **Aula Foscolo at the University of Pavia from February 17th (2 pm) to February 19th (1 pm) 2020.**

Travel and accommodation costs will be borne by the participants; the organizing committee will provide, for participants who request it, accommodation solutions in colleges or facilities. A welcome *aperitivo* and lunch will be offered on the first day by the organization; the remaining meals will be paid for by the participants.

For further information don't hesitate to contact us at:

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or check the website of the *Student Conference*: <https://studentconference.unipv.it>

Organising Committee:

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