



## **AIA SEMINAR - 17-19 MAY, 2018** **University of Macerata, Palazzo Pantaleoni**

**2nd Call for Papers – extended deadline**

### **On the move: sites of change, states of insecurity**

Travel, discovery, exile, exodus, diaspora, migration, desertion, banishment, imprisonment, eviction, discovery, dislocation, escape: the forms of displacement with which literary (and non-literary) texts engage are manifold. The notion of 'movement' is one of the oldest and most enduring literary preoccupations. From the quest narratives of the ancient world, to twenty-first-century imaginative explorations of mobility, displacement (broadly defined) and its correlates have retained a prominent place in the interrelated histories of literary themes and genres, cultural formations and linguistic innovations.

The 2018 AIA seminar invites submission of abstracts on any topic connected to the themes of displacement and movement. Topics for presentations might include, but are not limited to:

- Transformation, renewal and change
- Representations of 'self' and 'other'
- Geographical and social mobility
- Voyages of the mind
- Scenes of crisis, states of insecurity
- Vagrants, migrants, refugees
- Story-telling, memory and displacement
- Gendered configurations of space and motion
- Progress and its discontents
- Narratives of difference and belonging
- Identities on the move

To secure as broad a range of participants as possible, we welcome proposals that focus on any historical period, from a literary or non-literary angle. Papers dealing with these or similar topics from the perspective of translation, media reporting, mediation and interpreting studies are also welcome, particularly for the Special session on "*Constructing and revising narratives of migration*".

The call is open to all early career scholars, including PhD students, post-doc fellows and temporary researchers (RTD-A and RTD-B). To encourage lively and productive exchanges, written papers will be circulated in advance and presentations will be short – 7-10 minutes – followed by a 30-minute discussion. Full papers (max. 4,000 words) should be submitted by 25 April. Selected papers will be published.

The programme will include invited speakers from the international and national research community. A preliminary version is now available on the [seminar webpage](#).

If you wish to participate, please, **send a 300-word abstract and title by 30 March** to Silvana Colella ([silvana.colella@unimc.it](mailto:silvana.colella@unimc.it)), Elena Di Giovanni ([elena.digiovanni@unimc.it](mailto:elena.digiovanni@unimc.it)) and Segreteria AIA ([aiasegreteria@unict.it](mailto:aiasegreteria@unict.it)).

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