

LIVING TOGETHER ON THIS EARTH: ECO-SUSTAINABLE NARRATIVES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN ENGLISH LITERATURE/S

The ANDA association (Associazione Nazionale dei Docenti di Anglistica) is pleased to announce a three-day conference on “Living together on this earth: eco-sustainable narratives and environmental concerns in English literature/s” to be held at the University of Udine on 19-21 April 2017.

The conference aims at exploring and discussing the place of eco-sustainable narratives in English literature/s and the way they may contribute to our understanding of environmental issues, stimulate positive thinking, create a caring economy and foster alternative perspectives for the future of our mother earth.

The eco-degradation of the planet is a plague which dramatically and increasingly afflicts the world today. It is at the very centre of contemporary political and intellectual debate, creative writing and environmental concerns, all inextricably intertwined with questions of rights and identity. It can be seen as a *fil rouge* running across many Anglophone literary texts throughout the centuries. In our belief in the power of the creative word to promote social change by encouraging mutual understanding and respect for the Other and for the environment, we welcome papers on eco-sustainable narratives from all Anglophone areas and historical periods.

Possible topics of discussion are:

- space, place and the identity question;
- the imagination of place (and the reinvention of an eco-sustainable world);
- environmental (in)justice;
- gender difference and environmental representations;
- nature and culture;
- ethics of relation between humans and animals;
- environment (in)balance of power in the globalized world;
- ecological concerns in local and glocal contexts;
- literature and environmental studies;
- bio-imperialism;
- ecology and critical language awareness.

Abstracts of not more than 500 words should be submitted for review by **15 January 2017** to:

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Papers selected for inclusion will be notified by 2 February 2017.

Conference Venue: University of Udine

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No registration fee required.

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