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Border/s is the theme of the 1st Annual International Conference to be held between 26th and 28th October, 2015, organised by the ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge and promoted by the University of Salerno.

Among the scientific activities intended to be promoted, and within the peculiarity of the foreign and Italian universities and research centres forming the ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge, the primary objective of this Conference is to initiate a debate on the studies and research about different forms of tangible and intangible knowledge of, and within, the Mediterranean region. The aim is that of creating tools for the planning, management and evaluation of local actions that may produce a positive effect on the Europeanization and on the citizens’ perception of Europe. However, all this cannot take place unless it goes through a radical analysis of the concept of “Border”. Contrary to all metaphysics, ancient and modern, that has sought to immunize the human experience - “the air trips of the soul” as Plato had defined them - a permanent open space needs to be opened for discussion and reflection among the human, philosophical and social sciences. Thus, the aim is that of promoting free thought which is not limited to any particular identity, open to knowledge through a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach. From the humanities and social fields (history, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, philology, history of art etc.) to the economic and legislative areas (economics, law, information sciences etc.), the focus must be on the promotion of cultural heritage, the transmission of thought, traditions, languages, as well as ethical, moral and religious values of the Mediterranean region before any political borders that lead to exclusion and immunization.

The current geographical representation of Europe, conveyed since the introduction of the education system, represents it as a “product” of classical antiquity, coinciding with the West. Yet, this representation delimits the wide horizon of the Mediterranean culture and the countries surrounding it. Hence, such a simplistic perspective excludes all the Mediterranean world which is not Western Europe.
Rethinking the boundaries thus means rethinking the current idea of Europe and the Mediterranean. Only from such a rethinking can the foundations for the construction of a real and different European identity be laid. The knowledge and cultural values of the Mediterranean can be the driving force to overcome the *impasse* of which Europe cannot free itself. The knowledge and cultural values can become the fruitful stimulus for the review of European policies and provide a solid foundation for the protection and promotion of effective cultural heritage and knowledge of the contemporary world, capable of bringing out the legacy of the different cultures and distinct peculiarity of a new future.

Yet again, this means being able to stay - *simul* - outside and inside the borders; within an image of Europe which finally stops thinking about the Mediterranean as its internal *vulnus*, as its lesion and contamination: outside the borders, refers to that alteration that every “thinking of the border” leads to within it: promiscuity, exchange, latency, expectancy and hope; inside the borders where these testify and convey the mobility of thought, the circulation of knowledge, the defence of all cultures and the egalitarian recognition of the right to human dignity.
Monday, October 26th

**Aula Nicola Cilento**

9:30 – Plenary, Welcome Speeches

**AURELIO TOMMASETTI**
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**NATALE AMMATURO**
Director, Department of Humanities, Philosophy and Education, University of Salerno, Italy

**EMILIANA MANGONE**
Director, International Centre for Studies and Research “Mediterranean Knowledge”

10:00 – Presentation of ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge Book Series, Journal of Mediterranean Knowledge and Working Paper Series

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10:30 – Presentation website of ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge

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11:00 – Lectio magistralis

Chairperson: **DANIELA CALABRÒ** – University of Salerno, Italy

**JEAN-LUC NANCY** – University of Strasbourg, France

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13:30 – Lunch
Monday, October 26th

Aula Gabriele De Rosa

15:00 – Session I, Moving Away from Borders? Between Economy, Society and Development

Welcome Speech

Adalgiso Amendola – Dean, Faculty of Economics, Political Science, Social and Communication, University of Salerno, Italy

Chairperson: Luc-Thomas Somme – Rector, Institut Catholique de Toulouse, France

Mohamed Benguerna – Centre de Recherche en Économie Appliquée pour le Développement (CREAD), Algiers, Algeria
North/ South, South/North. The Age Adult of Cooperation

Pier Virgilio Dastoli – President, European Movement, Italy
From European Union to the Community Euro-Mediterranean

Folco Cimagalli – LUMSA of Rome, Italy
Mediterranean, Migrations and Communities. What Challenges for Social Policies?

16:15 – Coffee break
Monday, October 26th

Aula Gabriele De Rosa

Session I, *Moving Away from Borders? Between Economy, Society and Development*

16:30 – Presentations

MARCO LETIZIA – University of Messina, Italy
*Racial and Class Borders*

GIUSEPPE MASULLO – University of Salerno, Italy
*Boundaries among Genders in the Mediterranean Area: Between Reality and Imagination*

MASSIMO SIANI – University of Salerno, Italy
*Cava “Royal City”: Power and Privileges in the Construction of Boundaries. A Research Approach between the Middle Ages and the Modern Age.*

17:00 – Debate and closing of the Session

Sala dei Libri - Rettorato

17:30 – Meeting of International Centre for Studies and Research “Mediterranean Knowledge” members for the activities to be programmed for 2016.

20:00 – Welcome dinner
Tuesday, October 27th

Aula Gabriele De Rosa

10:00 - Session II, The Paths/Roads Leading to Borders. Between Language, History and Myth

Chairperson: GIUSEPPE D’ANGELO – University of Salerno, Italy

ROSARIA CALDARONE, ANGELO CICATELLO – University of Palermo, Italy
The Limits of Hospitality (Kant / Derrida)

MAR GALLEGO – University of Huelva, Spain
Border Crossings and Frontier Feminisms: Rewriting History in Contemporary Women Writers from the African Diaspora

BERNARD CALLEBAT – Institut Catholique de Toulouse, France
“Lies et passeries”: an Expression of Freedom in the Pyrenees beyond Border

11:00 – Coffee break


ANDREA SALVATORE ANTONIO BARBIERI – Institute for Research on Population and Social Policies-National Research Council (IRPPS-CNR), Rome, Italy
The Mediterranean Legacy for the Future of Europe

GIROLAMO COTRONEO – Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Messina, Italy
The Mediterranean between Myths, Religions and Philosophy

JORGE MARTINS RIBEIRO – University of Porto, Portugal
Conflict and Peace in the Mediterranean. The Barbary Privateering in Late 18th and Early 19th Centuries
**Tuesday, October 27th**

**12:30 – Presentations**

**ERMINIO FONZO** – University of Salerno, Italy  
*A Historiographical Border. Use and Abuse of History in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

**MARIAROSARIA COLUCCIHELLO** – University of Salerno, Italy  
*Spanish and its Borders: Differences and Uniformities*

**LUCA SCAFOGLIO** – University of Salerno, Italy  
*The Silence of the Sirens. Constellation of Myth and Enlightenment in Late Modern World*

**13:00 – Debate and closing of the Session**

**13:30 – Lunch**

**15:00 – Session III, Beyond Borders: Between Knowledge, Culture and Art**

**Chairperson:** **ANDREA BELLANTONE** – Dean, Faculty of Philosophy, Institut Catholique de Toulouse, France

**ANNA MILIONE** – Institute for Research on Population and Social Policies-National Research Council (IRPPS-CNR), Rome, Italy  
*Tactics or strategies? The Governance of Early School Leaving in Naples and Albacete*

**STEFANIA PERNA** – Academy of Fine Arts of Naples, Italy  
*Transitory Spaces: Boundaries and Meetings of Artistic Sense in the Mediterranean Cultural and Political Area*

**BIANCAMARIA BRUNO** – President, Lettera internazionale, Rome, Italy  
*Cultural Internationalism in Europe: the Adventure of “Lettre Internationale”*

**16:15 – Coffee break**
Aula Gabriele De Rosa

16:30 – Session III, Beyond Borders: Between Knowledge, Culture and Art

Alessandra Migliorato – Regional Museum of Art of Messina, Italy
Migrations of Artists from Northern Italy and Tuscany and the Introduction of the Renaissance Sculpture in Aragonese Sicily

Carmel Borg, Peter Mayo – University of Malta
Unapologetically Political and Sociological: Developing and Renewing Museum Spaces

Dario Giugliano – Academy of Fine Arts of Naples, Italy
For a Mediterranean Geopolitical Aesthetics

17:30 – Presentations

Giovanni Tusa – Institute for Critical Media and Cultural Studies at The Global Center for Advanced Studies, Michigan, USA
Borderland. Europe at the Limit

Valentina Mascia – University of Salerno, Italy
The Border Crossing of Word in Maurice Blanchot

Massimo Villani – University of Salerno, Italy
Philosophy beyond Borders

Annamaria Giarletta – University of Salerno, Italy
The Journey in Search of the Memory in the Poetry of Vicente Gerbasi

18:30 - Debate and closing of the Session
Wednesday, October 28th

Aula Magna

10:00 - Round Table

Imago Europae/Vulnus Mediterranei

Welcome Speech
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12:30 - Closing of the Conference
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FOREWORD

The International Centre for Studies and Research “Mediterranean Knowledge” (ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge), was founded with the aim of integrating research groups and other international and national stakeholders engaged in the analysis and research of different forms of knowledge (tangible and intangible) and, especially, in their dissemination within the Mediterranean basin, in order to create tools for the planning, management and evaluation of local actions that may positively impact on the Europeanization and on the perception of Europe by the citizens.

Promoters of the initiative have been the research team Daniela Calabrò (Theoretical Philosophy), Giuseppe D’Angelo (Contemporary History) and Emiliana Mangone (Sociology of Cultural and Communication Processes) of the Department of Humanities, Philosophy and Education (DISUFFFF) of the University of Salerno (Italy) who shared the goal with a group of other Universities and Research Centres that have become research units of the ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge since its foundation: Institut Catholique de Toulouse – ICT (France), University of Seville (Spain), University of Huelva (Spain), Centre de Recherche en Economie Appliquée pour le Développement - CREAD (Algeria),
University of Porto (Portugal), Academy of Fine Arts of Naples (Italy) and University of Palermo (Italy).

The Centre shall be a permanent platform of cooperation, experimentation and dissemination among all stakeholders, promoting the achievement of methodological action-research goals, in order to enforce the development of the territories and of the local and European identities, starting from the cultural heritage and from the Mediterranean Basin.

**AIMS**

The collaboration among the researchers of the ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge goes far beyond the pure transfer and exchange of knowledge. Indeed, implemented projects shall be founded on action-research aimed at creating cultural exchange on two levels: the proposal of theories, models, frameworks, indicators and research methods functional for identifying priorities on which to carry out research, whose validity in application and the suitability of the findings will be verified; and a process of “ongoing learning” that will inform research.

The underpinning goals at the basis of the ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge are:

*Integration and coordination of interventions*

Plan research and interventions, as well as resources (tangible and intangible) with an interdisciplinary orientation through the participation of different disciplines and sectors involved at different levels according to the characteristics of the problem, thus facilitating a global overview.

*Network Development*

Promote the creation of operational links among the various ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge member universities and research centres that organise activities for the promotion of research and interventions that, on the one hand, aim to support occasions for
reflection and debate, and on the other hand, the realization of protocols and joint action programs.

**Stimulus for Action**

Take on the responsibility to stimulate action, above all where there is ongoing research and understanding of the changes within or external to the Mediterranean and Europe.

**Advocacy and Awareness-raising**

A public and collective (shared) action plan, built around the research and interventions of the centre, needs to be designed. Awareness-raising campaigns whose objective is that of improving the transparency of research and intervention results, will often have to be linked to the aforementioned action plan with the aim of facilitating decision making and contributing to its realization in a participatory and democratic manner.

**ACTIVITIES**

Aims shall be pursued by the following activities:

**Research**

The Centre shall be a permanent platform of cooperation, experimentation and transfer among researchers and local stakeholders, promoting the creation and improvement of methodological action-research objectives, in order to strengthen the development of territorial and European identities, guaranteeing the specific peculiarities and differences, starting from the cultural heritages of the Mediterranean Basin.

Research activities are extensive and detailed, envisaging the creation of scientific work of international standing. The aim is to contribute in an original, innovative and scientifically founded way with the aim of advancing the state of the art of the sectors involved and to promote and give back “Mediterranean Knowledge” its central role.

**Training**

The gnosiological knowledge-society relationship hasn’t been
solved yet. Nevertheless, one thing is clear: knowledge is the future and therefore we must invest in it, not only to assert a socially-approved knowledge that contributes to the responsibility of positive action for knowledge itself and for society as a whole, but also for the affirmation of knowledge as a tool for overcoming economic and socio-cultural differences. To achieve this objective, the Centre will promote different initiatives for training and dissemination of knowledge:

- Organizing the annual international congress on “Mediterranean Knowledge”, to be hosted by one of the partners of the Centre;

- Setting up postgraduate courses at Masters and PhD levels, inherent to the lines of research of the ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge, with the participation of the national and international partners of the Centre;

- Offering support to post-graduate and PhD students conducting research on lines of research of the ICSR Mediterranean Knowledge;

- Organizing thematic seminars to provide a platform where scholars and local actors can exchange knowledge and opinions.
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