



**The Department of British, American, and German Studies  
Faculty of Letters, University of Craiova  
in partnership with  
The Romanian Society for English and American Studies (RSEAS)  
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**announces  
THE 19<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

***LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURAL POLICIES.  
DISCOURSES OF SOLITUDE AND COMMONALITY***  
**to be held online between 10-11 December 2020.**

### **FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS**

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main", wrote John Donne in his *Meditation XVII* from *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions*, in 1623, almost 400 years ago. Since then, never has solitude been more referred to than it is in these strange days of social isolation, reclusion, seclusion, and remoteness. It is equally important to see what we have in common even while contemplating our distancing; when our idiosyncrasy has been filtered out, our commonality will stand out. Therefore, we have decided to take a step back and reflect upon the extent to which and the manner in which solitude and commonality have been present(ed) in written texts with a view to defining the sense of humanity, past, present, and future.

We invite the submission of individual abstracts, panels, and workshop/roundtable proposals that explore all aspects of this theme. Possible sub-themes include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Altered reality
- ✓ Perceptions of commonality
- ✓ Social advocacy
- ✓ Togetherness
- ✓ Regenerating communities
- ✓ Self and otherness
- ✓ Identity and consciousness
- ✓ Networked loneliness
- ✓ Borderlands of loneliness and community

The sections of the conference cover the broad fields of Theoretical linguistics, Applied linguistics, Literature, Translation studies and Cultural studies.

### **Submission instructions**

Proposals (maximum 200 words) for 20-minute online presentations papers along with a short autobiographical note (maximum 100 words) can be sent to the organizers, Dr Sorin Cazacu and Professor Titela Vilceanu, at [craiovaconference2020@gmail.com](mailto:craiovaconference2020@gmail.com) by 5 December 2020. The languages of the conference are English and German.

### **Conference fees**

- No fees

**Registration form:**

1.	Name of presenter	
2.	Academic title	
3.	Affiliation	
4.	E-mail address	
5.	Title of paper	
6.	Section (thematic area)	
7.	Abstract (200 words)	
8.	5 keywords	
9.	Brief biographical note (100 words)	

**A selection of papers will be published in the Annals of the University of Craiova, Series Philology - English. For further details, please contact the conference organisers at [craiovaconference2020@gmail.com](mailto:craiovaconference2020@gmail.com).**