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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Spirits of Festivities Past, Present, andFuture

Cross-Cultural and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on End-of-the-Year Celebrations

DECEMBER 21st - 22nd, 2026

CONFERENCE RATIONALE

- Shared human phenomenon across cultures
- Inclusive platform to bridge cross- and multi-cultural traditions
- Narrative, ritual, language and memory
- Food traditions and culinary heritage
- Multimodal representations of festive celebrations
- Interdisciplinary perspectives and approaches

DISCIPLINARY FOCUS & THEMATIC AREAS

- **Linguistics & Language**
  Semantics
  Multimodal Discourse
- **Literary Representations**
  Literary Depictions
  Narrative Traditions
- **Anthropological & Cultural Perspectives**
  Foodways
  Material Culture & Technology
- **Intercultural Dialogue & Global Dynamics**
  Digital & Social Media Spaces
  Interreligious dialogue, community bonding, and multicultural harmony

KEY DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline: November 30th, 2026

Notification of Acceptance: December 7th, 2026

Final Program Publication: December 14th, 2026

Conference Dates (Zoom): December 21st-22nd, 2026

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract
around 300 words (references excluded), clearly stating the research question, theoretical framework, methodology, and preliminary findings.

Keywords
3–5 relevant keywords.

Biographical Note: 100–150 words indicating institutional affiliation (if any), research interests, and contact details.

Presentation Format
15–20 minute presentation followed by a 10-minute Q&A discussion.

Working Language
English (presentations examining other languages should deliver their presentation in English).

SUBMISSION CONTACT AND INQUIRIES

Please submit your abstract via email to: daniela.cesiri@unive.it

Email Subject Line
Abstract Submission - Spirits of Festivities Conference

For conference-related inquiries, please contact the Conference Organizer Daniela Cesiri (Ca' Foscari University of Venice) at daniela.cesiri@unive.it.

NB: the Zoom link will be shared after abstracts are selected.