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Speaking in Cultures

Institutional Welcome | SIS Biennial Opening | Keynote Address | Prize Award Ceremony | Reception

The Edinburgh Gadda Prize 2019 [The Sixth Edition]

Wednesday
26 June
18:00-20:00

Admission by registration
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Garden Lobby
The Scottish Parliament

The Edinburgh Gadda Prize The Sixth Edition

The Edinburgh Gadda Prize was founded in 2010 as part of the Edinburgh Gadda Projects. It has since had five international editions in award categories ranging from Senior Scholars to Junior Citizens.

Awards for us are not just awards. They are the catalyst for community participation and involvement. While celebrating our discipline, we promote public debate on collective action and responsibility, citizenship and mutual respect – the pressing issues of our time, and the central concerns of Carlo Emilio Gadda's work.

For our sixth edition, **Speaking in Cultures**, we have partnered with Italian Studies at the University of Edinburgh and the Society for Italian Studies UK. Together, we are hosting the Society's Biennial Conference in Scotland's capital city, bringing a celebration of intercultural dialogue to the Scottish Parliament to mark the Official Opening of the Society's Biennial in the Centenary of Italian at Edinburgh.

The Edinburgh Gadda Prize

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"Promuovere iniziative in nome di Carlo Emilio Gadda significa, oggi, io credo, raccogliere la sfida della complessità che i tempi impongono. Promuovere una rivoluzione cognitiva ed etica. Il mondo è fuor di squadra: abbiamo bisogno dell'Ingegnere per rimetterlo in sesto."

(Silvia Polillo, Trento – Edinburgh Gadda Follower)

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We thank our Partners, the Department of Italian Studies at the University of Edinburgh and the Society for Italian Studies UK – for joining forces as part of the Edinburgh Biennial Conference of the Society, Edinburgh 26-28 June 2019. Speaking in Cultures is the result of our collaboration.

We are immensely grateful to our Hosts, MSP Linda Fabiani and the Scottish Parliament – for their enthusiastic support of Speaking in Cultures right from our very first conversation.

Speaking in Cultures

One hundred forty-seven monographs on all aspects of contemporary Italian culture were entered in this year's competition. Over three hundred delegates will attend the Biennial Conference of the Society for Italian Studies UK. Thirty distinguished international scholars have served as Prize Jurors. Italian Studies at Edinburgh is 100 years old this year.

The dynamism of our discipline is just one of the messages we will put across on the night. Generating new synergies and opportunities for dialogue has been at the heart of the Edinburgh Gadda Projects since their inception in 2000. In line with our mission, as part of this year's edition of the Prize we want to celebrate what it takes to speak and live more fluently in cultures – something we believe is critical to the future of our society, especially in times of fast and unpredictable cultural change.

The Event

After the formal Welcome by our Host **MSP Linda Fabiani** and her **Guests of Honour** – the Principal of the University of Edinburgh Professor Peter Mathieson, the Italian Consul General for Scotland and Northern Ireland Fabio Monaco, and the President of the Society for Italian Studies UK Professor Simon Gilson (Oxford) – **Pulitzer Prize Winner Professor Jhumpa Lahiri** (Princeton) will be invited to deliver her Keynote Address on becoming ambassadors for intercultural exchange and to give us a sense of where individual vision and aspiration can take us in our commitment to a world better ready for cultural diversity. The Keynote will be followed by the Award Ceremony. The event will close with a Reception.

Our Keynote Speaker

Jhumpa Lahiri is Professor of Creative Writing at the Lewis Center for the Arts (Princeton). She has received several prestigious awards for her writing, including the Pulitzer Prize in 2000 for *Interpreter of Maladies*, her debut story collection. She is also the author of *The Namesake*, *Unaccustomed Earth*, and *The Lowland*, a finalist for both the Man Booker Prize and the National Book Award in fiction. Jhumpa's fifth book *In altre parole* (2015) was a collection of essays she wrote in Italian while living in Rome. Her latest book in Italian *Dove mi trovo* came out in 2018. Jhumpa continues to write and publish in Italian and translate both her own work and the work of others from Italian to English.

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