**1. student conference on literature organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Osijek: the Student Literature Association *Aleph* and the Departments of English language and literature, Croatian language and literature, and German language and literature**

**The Phenomenon of Family in 20th-Century Literature**

**Second call for participation**

Esteemed colleagues,

We hereby invite you to participate in the first student conference on literary science, organized by the Student Literature Association *Aleph* from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Osijek in association with the Departments of English language and literature, Croatian language and literature, and German language and literature. This year, the theme of the symposium is *The Phenomenon of Family in 20th-Century Literature*. The symposium will be held on the 1st and 2nd of June at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Osijek.

Why *The Phenomenon of Family in 20th-Century Literature*? Considering numerous writing techniques, themes and approaches in literary science which have developed during the 20th century, and by occupying its own field of literary theories, family obtained, other than the form (alternatives to nuclear family) and types of relationships, new aspects of consideration (violence, divorce, emancipation of women, homosexual partnerships, etc.). Unfortunately, neither of these had the phenomenon of family as the focal point. Whether it is about a psychoanalytical approach, (post)structuralist feministic, Marxist, queer, or a postcolonial theory, they all have a specific take on the phenomenon of family, but this concept has not proven as dominant in any of these. The role of family was reduced to just one in a series of diagnostic representations of these approaches, taking it into consideration as just one of many aspects of life. Even though it is not recognizable in the aforementioned approaches, they have all contributed to the creation of various views of the phenomenon of family in literature. By placing family, as a constitutive community of a majority of peoples throughout history, in the center of consideration, it is our wish to point out the stratification of its conditionality with all the changes it has come upon and with which it was established as a foundation for everything else which has, the same as all else of life importance, left its mark in literature.

Here are a few suggestions of possible approaches to the theme:

1. Coming-of-age novel
2. Family in literature for children and youth
3. The incidence and frequency of different types of family in a literary context (nuclear family and its alternatives)
4. Sociological, philosophical, pedagogical and other implications of the understanding of family in literature
5. The relationship between an individual and family – the relationship between family and society
6. Queer, postcolonial, psychoanalytical, feministic, marxist, (post)structuralist, and other approaches to the literary text which thematizes the phenomenon of family

The above does not exhaust the possible approaches to the theme.

The deadline for abstract submission is **May 10.** Applicants will receive a notification of acceptance by **May 15**, and they should confirm their participation by **May 20, 2017**.

Abstracts should contain between 1500 and 2000 characters and describe the problems, goals, and instruments used to reach a conclusion, the results of research, and five key words. The text can be in English, Croatian, or German. The font should be Times New Roman, font size 12, spacing 1,5. Prior to the abstract contents, there should be the name(s) of the author(s) (three at the most), the level of education, that is the academic title if there is one, the name of the Faculty, and the title of the paper.

All students of undergraduate, graduate, integrated, and postgraduate studies of humanities and social sciences can apply for the symposium.

Underneath this text there is an application which needs to be filled in and sent only to this e-mail address: [skkalephffos@gmail.com](mailto:skkalephffos@gmail.com).

NOTICE:

Accommodations and lunch have been insured for participants arriving from outside of Osijek on the expense of the organizer. The travel costs are not covered.

Best regards,

Student Literature Association *Aleph*

**APPLICATION**

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| City, department name, name of the faculty, university, the address of the faculty: |  |
| Type of program (undergraduate, graduate, integrated or postgraduate) and year: |  |
| Do you need accommodations? (answer by bolding one of the options): | Yes No |
| Menu (answer by bolding one of the options): | Meat Vegetarian |
| Title of paper: | |
| Abstract: | |