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THE 19th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURAL POLICIES
DISCOURSES OF SOLITUDE AND COMMONALITY

to be held in 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 these strange days of social isolation, reclusion, seclusion, and remoteness. Therefore, we have decided to take a step back and reflect upon how solitude and commonality have been presented 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 subthemes 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
- ✓ Translation studies
- ✓ 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, Dr Titela Vilceanu, Dr Daniela Rogobete, Dr Madalina Cerban, at craiovaconference2020@gmail.com by 5 December 2020. The languages of the conference are English and German.

Conference fees
- No fee
A selection of papers will be published in the conference proceedings. For further details, please contact the conference organisers at craiovaconference2020@gmail.com .