

UNICÓMIC XXIII. SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ACADEMIC STUDIES ON COMICS

Universitat d'Alacant / Universitat Miguel Hernández / Universitat de València /
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Alicante, 11th, 12th, 13th March, 2021

FIRST CIRCULAR. CALL FOR PAPERS

The Universitat d'Alacant, Universitat Miguel Hernández, Universitat de València, Université Clermont Auvergne and Fundación SM-Cátedra de Estudios del Cómic are pleased to invite you to participate in **Unicómic XXIII. Second International Conference of Academic Studies on Comics**, which will take place at the Universitat d'Alacant on the 11th, 12th and 13th March, 2021. The Conference lies within the range of activities of the European project *COST iCon-MICS Action CA19119: Investigation on Comics and Graphic Novels in the Iberian Cultural Area*.

All necessary information concerning the development of the Conference, options and modalities of participation, registration deadlines, etc., is now available on the Conference website [<https://web.ua.es/en/unicomic2021/congreso-unicomic-2021.html>]. Details on academic and social activities planned will regularly be updated and expanded through different circulars.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Communications may be submitted in accordance with TWO modalities: face-to-face or virtual.

Those submitting communications must register and pay the individual fee. Each participant will be able to submit a maximum of THREE communications (individually or in a group).

FACE-TO-FACE MODALITY: will be held at the University of Alicante on the 11th, 12th and 13th March, 2021.

VIRTUAL MODALITY: will be realized by free-access previously recorded communications made available to the public via YouTube or Conference web and blogs between the 10th and the 20th of March, 2021. Participants opting for this modality, shall comply with the forthcoming indications in our webpage.

Paper proposals:

Paper proposals should include: name and surname, university of origin, email, Bio (10 lines), title of the paper, abstract (300-500 words) and key words (3-5). For further details, refer to the abstract template [<https://web.ua.es/en/unicomic2021/documentos/unicomic-xxiii/abstract-template-unicomic-2021.docx>].

Official languages on the Conference are: English, Catalan and Spanish.

Submission of papers will begin on 15th November, ending on 7th January, 2021. The organising committee will notify the acceptance before 15th March, 2021. The definitive

texts of the papers shall be sent after the Conference, in accordance with the instructions of future circulars.

THEMATIC LINES

1. Graphic narrative as a learning tool.
2. Gender equality and human rights: equality in comics.
3. Academic studies on comics.
4. Comics and journalism.
5. Comics as multimodal literacy and transmedia.
6. Climate change, biodiversity and ecology in comics.
7. Comics and science.
8. Comics translation.

The organisation may recommend the allocation to a thematic line different from the one selected by the participant.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the Conference, both as an attendee and as a speaker, requires the completion of the form available in our webpage as of 1st January, 2021 [<https://web.ua.es/en/unicomic2021/registration.html>].

Registration fees:

- Individuals presenting face-to-face communications: 75 €
- Individuals presenting face-to-face communications related to collaborating organizations: 50 €
- Individuals presenting virtual communications: 50 €
- Attendee: 30 €
- University students and unemployed (attendance only): 15 €

Registration dates:

From 1st January to 1st March, 2021.

PUBLICATION

The publication on electronic support of a monograph about "Academic Studies on Comics" has been foreseen. The Conference organisation committee will select certain papers, in compliance with the selection criteria set out in the publications, to indexed scientific journals.

DATES AND DEADLINES

- 15th November, 2020: first day for sending abstracts.
- 1st January, 2021: first day for registration
- 7th January, 2021: deadline for sending abstracts.
- 15th February, 2021: last day for notifying acceptance.
- 1st March, 2021: registration deadline.
- 1st March, 2021: deadline for sending the link to the virtual presentation.
- 10-20th March, 2021: virtual communications.
- 11-13th March, 2021: face-to-face Conference.
- 30th April, 2021: deadline for sending the papers for publishing.

CONTACT

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The Conference website will be activated from 15th November, 2020:
[<<https://web.ua.es/en/unicomic2021/congreso-unicomic-2021.html>>].

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