

The 1st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE of the JOURNAL [SCUOLA DEMOCRATICA](#) will be hosted at the [University of Cagliari](#) (Italy), **June 6 through 8, 2019**, by Scuola Democratica, [Centro Interuniversitario per la Ricerca Didattica](#) (University of Cagliari and University of Sassari), [Il Mulino Editore](#).

The Conference stands as an opportunity to present and discuss empirical and theoretical works from a variety of disciplines and fields covering education. The focal theme of the Conference is a trend currently affecting many countries invested by processes of globalization: the advent of what Colin Crouch called «post-democracy» ([check Keynote speakers list](#)). Organizers, promoters and partners of the Conference wish to invite educators, teachers, researchers, scholars, academics, scientists, professionals, experts and policy makers to join the conversation and bring the disciplines towards a more integrated set of alliances by:

- promoting a trans and inter disciplinary discussion on urgent topics;
- fostering debates among experts and professionals;
- diffusing research findings all over international scientific networks and practitioners' mainstreams;
- launching further strategies and networking alliances on local, national and international scale;
- providing a new space for debate and evidences to educational policies.

We invite you to submit abstracts for your presentation at the **track session**:

B.09. Education for integration: Migration, reception and integration as factors of development and social transformation

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Discussing about immigrant reception and integration today means confronting a theme of great educational and cultural value. In many European countries, Italy included, populist sentiments are emerging, generated and nurtured by emotional reactions and fears. These sentiments are difficult to contrast without adequate educational actions targeted both to the migrants and to the recipient societies. As a matter of fact, in the current political debate, migrations are frequently associated with national security and dangers of "invasion", more than to the cultural and social enrichment that could derive from the implementation of effective integration policies.

The integration of migrants and refugees in our societies could, instead, contribute to tackle the problems of our fragile peripheries, the phenomena of massive emigration, the processes of demographic aging, the decline of certain productive sectors and the loss of manufacturing and artisan traditions. Many experiences, documented in academic literature as well as by the institutions and the non-profit world, demonstrate that effective reception and integration policies can turn into powerful vectors of development and social transformation. Their educative value is evident in the generation of new forms of civil cohabitation, when individuals and communities understand that immigration is not an emergency to manage, but rather a structural phenomenon characterizing our time.

It is essential that positive experiences and effective policies be communicated and shared, so to start a virtuous cycle of knowledge exchange and avoid situations where only negative events, difficulties, criticism, ineffective and corrupted management are reported to the media and shared with the civil society. The goal of this panel is to describe and analyze some tiles of the mosaic of good reception and integration initiatives in Italy and/or in other European countries. We would like to highlight the initiatives and continuous efforts of thousands of people who work in the systems of immigration management, emphasizing that integration is, first of all, a "battle" of cultural education in which not only institutions should engage, but also all components of society, in order to create shared values and experiences.

For this track we will evaluate proposals for contributions on the themes of reception and integration. In particular, we expect to receive:

- theoretical reflections on the concepts of immigrant reception and integration and their educational value;
- policy papers: analysis and evaluation of policies and/or practices and/or models of reception and integration, also in a comparative view;
- research papers: presentation of research projects on immigrant reception and integration, discussion on the findings and their practical implications;
- descriptive papers and/or narratives of reception and integration experiences at a local/national/international level, also with the purpose of sharing best practices.

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Abstracts should be submitted by **February 28, 2019** ([check Dates and Deadlines](#)).

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 3. five keywords;
 4. abstract's text (limited to 500 words).
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 - You may be co-author of a second, third ...*n*th... submitted abstract only in case you are not the submitter of this latter.
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