# Seminar: Justice and Literature

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

Starting from the 2009-2010 academic year, the CSGP - Centro Studi “Federico Stella” sulla Giustizia penale e la Politica criminale, now **Alta Scuola “Federico Stella” sulla Giustizia Penale (ASGP)** organises a **Seminar cycle on the theme of justice in literature**. Inspired by the *Law and Literature* courses, organised in many English and American universities, but also broadening their perspective in an original way, these seminars aim to put the participants in touch, thanks to the contribution of eminent writers, literary critics and jurists, through the interpretations of significant texts relating to the theme of justice (especially criminal), thus refining students’ openness to interdisciplinary dialogue, cultural sensitivity and “sense of justice”.

This cycle will be entitled “The exercise of ‘just judgement’: the idea of responsibility and foundations of justice on Manzoni’s anniversary”. It aims to explore connections, analogies, and differences among the ideas of responsibility, judgment, reparation, and punishment, through a comparison between jurists and literature experts, thanks to the inspirations offered by the thought and work of Alessandro Manzoni.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The course programme is characterised by a general introduction to the relationship between literature, law, and justice (also with reference to the international movement called *Law and Literature*), and by the treatment of a single-subject theme that this year will explore the origins of violence, both individual (especially violence against women) and institutional.

This topic will be addressed between October 2023 and April 2024, in 3 seminar meetings and in a final conference whose exact dates will be announced at the beginning of the academic year.

***READING LIST***

Participants in the cycle will be able to freely supplement what they heard during the seminars and the conference with readings relevant to the works indicated or cited by the speakers.

***TEACHING METHOD***

The course is structured as a cycle of seminars with a final conference. Each event will include a dialogue between lecturers and experts in legal and literary subjects. There is ample opportunity for attendees to ask questions and discuss the topics covered in the specific final part of each meeting.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

The Seminar cycle is aimed at all students of the Catholic University and its attendance allows the achievement of credits (for students of the Faculty of Law: up to 2 ECTS) assigned on the basis of the resolutions of the faculties to which they belong in the terms that will be communicated at the beginning of the academic year.

The students’ actual participation in each event will be certified by their signing in and out of each event. The awarding of training credits will be subject to attendance and a learning test taken during the Criminology exam sessions starting from the summer session of 2024, according to the criteria of the course, without requiring prior registration for the exam session.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

There are non prerequisites for attending the seminar cycle.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.