

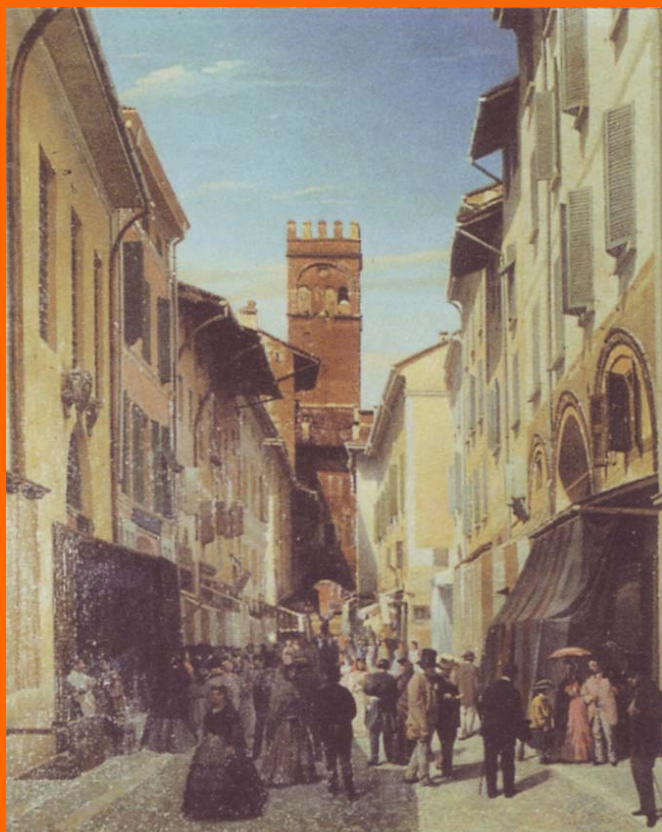
(Trans)national Identities/ Reimagining Communities

A Joint Conference of the Centro Interdisciplinare di Studi Romantici, Università di Bologna, and the North American Society for the Study of Romanticism.

March 12-15, 2008
University of Bologna

Keynote Speaker:
Stuart Curran
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The Romantic period was one of intense upheaval, global migrations, revolution, and also idealism: an era in which the concepts of nation and community, and the nationalities of knowledge and art, were constantly being called in question and reinvented. We invite papers that take up the construction and dissolution of national identities both positively, in terms of new forms of internationalism and cultural exchange; and more problematically, for example through war, or through forms of (non) identity or (non) community that elude utopian collectivizations. The conference welcomes not only papers on literature, the arts and culture, but also on philosophy, aesthetics, political theory and other forms of thought relevant to the topic.



Possible topics include:

Travel writing; mental travellers, countries of the mind
Italy in the Romantic imagination
The British Romantics in Europe; Transatlantic Romanticism
Romantic exiles; the experience of the foreign
Boundaries and peripheries
War, international revolutions
Republicanism
Theorizing cosmopolitanism; feminist cosmopolitanism
The (inter)nationalization of knowledge: encyclopedias, journals, translation
The dissemi(nation) of knowledge
The rise of Comparative Literature and Comparative Mythology
Trans-disciplines, intersciences
Transitional genres, translating between genres
National and international theatre
Nationalism and sociability
Colonialism and community
Society versus community
Transitional identities
Intellectual communities (universities, schools of thought, professional communities, salons)
Artistic, epistolary, or religious communities
Global environments; 'contact zone' experience
Slavery and abolition

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