



SECOND CIRCULAR

What Future for the Past?

At the Crossroads of Tradition and Innovation

Broadening Horizons 8 | University of Milan | 8th – 12th February 2027

Dear Colleagues,

The Organizing Committee is pleased to share the Second Circular of the **Broadening Horizons 8 Conference**, to be held from **8 to 12 February 2027** at the Department of Literary Studies, Philology and Linguistics of the University of Milan.

We are delighted to provide the following updates regarding submissions, keynote lectures, accommodation, publication, and conference activities.

Participants are kindly invited to follow the official [BH8 website](#) and [social media](#) for the latest announcements and information, including details for accommodation arrangements.

1. EXTENSION OF THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The official deadline for the submission of papers and posters has been extended to **2 October 2026**. Please note that no further paper or poster proposals can be accepted after this date.

Paper/poster submissions can be made through the official conference website: <https://www.broadeninghorizons8.it/abstract-submission-registration/>

Participants will be notified of their acceptance by October **20th 2026**. Registration will open **immediately thereafter**.

2. KEYNOTE LECTURES

We are currently finalizing the keynote speakers for the conference. The names of the lecturers for the five conference sessions are expected to be announced by the end of September 2026.

3. ACCOMMODATIONS IN MILAN

To facilitate participants' stay in Milan, the Organizing Committee is providing a selection of hostels, hotels, and other accommodation options located in different areas of the city.

This information is available and regularly updated on the [relevant page](#) of the official conference website.

4. PUBLICATION OF THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The Organizing Committee is planning the publication of the Broadening Horizons 8 Conference Proceedings. The Committee is currently finalizing an agreement with [Milano University Press](#) for their publication in **open-access** format.

As a new initiative for this edition, the editors of the volume will also seek to provide **translations of paper abstracts into Arabic, Farsi, Kurdish, and Turkish**, in addition to English. This initiative will be carried out in collaboration with native speakers.

5. SOCIAL EVENTS AND PARTICIPATION BENEFITS

Two social events are planned during the conference week. A welcome reception will be held on the first evening of the conference, while a second social event will take place later in the week.

In addition, conference participants will have access to **special discounts** at selected museums and art foundations in Milan.

Further information on the social programme, museum and cultural institution discounts, and other participant benefits will be provided in the Third Circular, expected at the end of 2026.

We look forward to welcoming colleagues from around the world to Milan, both in person and remotely, for **Broadening Horizons 8**.

We thank you for your participation and continued support, and we remain at your disposal for any questions or inquiries at bh8.milano@unimi.it.

With our best wishes,

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