

# SSEA - Thematic conference: LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS IN EMERGING ADULTHOOD: NEW TOPICS AND NEW METHODS 27-29 May, Milan, Italy

From May 27<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood presents the Thematic Conference entitled “Lights and shadows of close relationships in emerging adulthood: New trends in research methods”. The conference will be held in **Milan, Italy** and will be hosted by Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

“Lights and shadows of close relationships in emerging adulthood” welcomes researchers and practitioners from all over the world, interested in topics pertaining to relationship in emerging adulthood (EA).

The conference will focus on relationship across multiple **topics**:

- communication
- separation/individualization
- intimacy
- friendship
- forgiveness
- dating
- support
- sexuality
- caregiving
- attachment
- conflict
- enmeshment
- stalking
- competition
- jealousy
- disengagement
- power
- violence
- ...

*Proposals with alternative topics will be given full consideration*

A special focus will be on new **research methods** in relationship research:

- Quantitative methods
- Qualitative methods
- Mixed-methods

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon, a pre-conference workshop will be held about “Research Methods for the Study of Relationships”

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## CALL FOR PAPERS AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

### SUBMISSION TIMELINE

- Call for papers and submission portal open: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Submission deadline for those requiring an expedited review: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (notifications of acceptance will be provided by January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
- Abstract submission deadline: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (notifications of acceptance will be provided by March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Focus of the proposal is on emerging adulthood (age range 18-29).
2. Importance of the topic related to the Thematic session focus: close relationship topics and innovative research methods.
3. For empirical presentations, methods must be appropriate for the research question(s). Research using quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods are all encouraged.

Please note: There is a limit of two submissions by the same first author.

### ABSTRACT TO SUBMIT

The submitted abstract should include a proposal of no more than 500 words (approximately 2 double-spaced pages) containing the following: title, introduction to the research question(s), description of methods, results, brief discussion and implications. In addition, proposals may contain up to two figures, tables, charts or graphs (reference list is not required).

Link for abstract submission: <https://ssea.submittable.com/submit>

### FORMATS

Three types of submission formats will be considered:

- **Individual papers:** 15-minute oral presentation. NOTE: Some proposals submitted as paper presentations may be accepted as poster presentations.
- **Posters:** Individual Posters will be presented during general poster sessions, having the opportunity to present work to all conference participants.
- **Paper symposia:** A Paper Symposium includes a series of presentations on a common topic. Submissions for paper symposia should include an abstract for each presentation as well as an integrative statement.

Please contact [coordinator@ssea.org](mailto:coordinator@ssea.org) with any questions.

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