

# SCHEDA ALTRE ATTIVITÀ FORMATIVE

A.A. 2025-2026

<b>Corso di Laurea</b>	MAA-R
<b>Titolo</b>	Interdisciplinary Doctoral Conference “BEYOND BINARIES AND BORDERS: Rethinking Qualitative Research in Gender and Queer Studies from the Global South”.
<b>Delibera di autorizzazione del Corso di Laurea</b>	Sì
<b>Tipologia attività (conferenze, seminari, laboratori ecc.)</b>	Conferenza
<b>Docente responsabile</b>	Ersilia Francesca
<b>A cura di</b>	Vincenzo Straface, Davide Cava, Reny Iskander (Dottorandi DAAM)
<b>Numero ore</b>	12
<b>Numero CFU</b>	2
<b>Data inizio attività</b>	24/09/2026
<b>Calendario</b>	24 Settembre 9.30-17.30 25 Settembre 9.30-17.30
<b>Destinatari</b>	Studenti laurea magistrale
<b>Prenotazione richiesta (si/no)</b>	Sì, tramite il form al seguente link: <a href="https://forms.gle/LEghnZuNwWjT82Z8">https://forms.gle/LEghnZuNwWjT82Z8</a>
<b>e-mail per prenotazioni</b>	Per altre info: <a href="mailto:daamconf26.unior@gmail.com">daamconf26.unior@gmail.com</a>
<b>Modalità di verifica</b>	<p>La verifica potrà avvenire secondo una delle seguenti modalità:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Redazione di due brevi relazioni scritte (minimo 250 parole ciascuna, per un totale di almeno 500 parole) relative a due interventi della conferenza che hanno suscitato maggiore interesse.</li> <li>2. Elaborazione di una proposta personale: scrittura di un abstract (minimo 400 parole) in cui si presenti un’idea di contributo che si proporrebbe qualora si partecipasse come relatori/trici alla conferenza, sulla base degli interventi seguiti.</li> </ol> <p>Gli elaborati dovranno essere inviati entro l’11/10/2026 all’indirizzo e-mail <a href="mailto:daamconf26.unior@gmail.com">daamconf26.unior@gmail.com</a>, indicando chiaramente nome, cognome e corso di laurea e rinominando il file PDF in “AAF.Conference_COGNOME”.</p>
<b>Note</b>	È richiesta una buona conoscenza della lingua inglese, poiché la conferenza si terrà prevalentemente in inglese.

## Conference Abstract

What lies beyond binaries like male/female, heterosexual/homosexual, colonizer/colonized, or even local/global? And what happens when we cross not just geopolitical borders, but also epistemological and disciplinary frontiers? This interdisciplinary conference welcomes early-career researchers—PhD candidates, postdoctoral scholars, and independent academics—to share and reflect on innovative qualitative research in gender and queer studies rooted in or related to the Global South. We are particularly interested in researches that challenges extractive and Eurocentric paradigms in knowledge production. We welcome contributions that embrace methodological disruption—the adoption of approaches that contest objectivist, positivist, and colonial traditions, fostering creative and inclusive ways of knowing (Milián Berna, 2024). We also encourage work that practices epistemic disobedience, understood as resistance to dominant Western epistemologies and a call for more diverse, situated academic voices (Ramirez, 2021). Equally central is the idea of radical positionality: an empirical approach that takes the researcher’s own location and relation to the field seriously, enabling forms of engagement that are less exploitative, more interactive, and politically meaningful (Haritaworn, 2008; see also the notion of rearguard theory in Santos, 2014).

### Why “Beyond Binaries and Borders”?

We invoke this expression to signal a double gesture: a move away from rigid dichotomies and a crossing of visible (“[...] the inside of Western modernity has been built since the Renaissance upon the double, simultaneous and continuous colonisation of space and time [...]”, Mignolo 2011) and invisible (“[...] the existence of an abstract epistemic western universalism, where the observer observes without being observed or represented [...]”, Ramirez 2021) borders. Crossing these borders requires decolonial practices that embrace epistemic diversity and embodied resistance. In queer and gender research, moving beyond Western epistemologies entails reimagining categories and identities, fostering knowledge production that reflects diverse and marginalised experiences. As Mbembe (2019) argues, the aim is not to reject universal knowledge but to construct it through an open and egalitarian dialogue across distinct epistemic traditions.

The Global South, as we intend it here, is not just a location but a critical lens, “underscored as rich in resources for pluriversality” (Ndlovu-Gatsheni, 2019)—a site where suppressed and displaced knowledges can contribute to building a “mosaic epistemology” (Connell, 2015) that fosters ecologies of knowledge. This perspective aligns with efforts to move beyond Western, White, and Eurocentric paradigms and embrace alternative ways of knowing grounded in diverse lived experiences.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Rahul Rao – University of St. Andrews (UK): “Comparative and Connective Approaches to Gender and Queer Studies in the Global South”.