



2nd Researchers' Conference “Young4Great”

The Great Challenges of Society, Economy and Institutions

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

DATE OF THE CONFERENCE: 11 December 2025

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 20

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF EXTENDED ABSTRACTS: 10 August 2025

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTED SUBMISSIONS: 22 September 2025

CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION: 10 October 2025

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PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES: collective volume – scientific journals

FOCUS OF THE CONFERENCE

The scientific community is increasingly aware of the need for a transversal dialogue as well as a multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary vision involving economic-business, legal, and sociological knowledge. Despite their specificities, these disciplines play a pivotal role in understanding the **Conflict-Resilience** nexus.

The *2nd Researchers' Conference "Young4Great"* aims to promote a debate among young researchers on the unfortunately still acutely relevant topic of *conflict* and *resilience*. It also encourages evolution and innovation in scientific research through a holistic perspective.

The *Conference*, promoted by the Department of Law, Economics, and Sociology of *Magna Graecia* University of Catanzaro and by the *Digit Lab – Digital Transition, Negotiating Autonomies and Employment Relations*, was proposed by the Department's PhD students (Legal Scholars' Circle and the Economists' Circle). It aims to foster interdisciplinary exchange among *early-stage* and *early-career researchers* and to build scientific relationships that contribute to the development and enrichment of their respective research projects.

The *2nd Researchers' Conference "Young4Great"* will be held at *Magna Graecia* University of Catanzaro, in the Department of Law, Economics, and Sociology, on 11 December 2025, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The opening of the proceedings will be entrusted to Pierluigi Consorti, Full Professor at the University of Pisa, former Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre "Sciences for Peace" (CISP-Centro Interdisciplinare Scienze per la Pace), who will deliver a *Lectio magistralis* on the theme of the Conference.

Starting with the second edition, the Conference will host a session dedicated to the memory of Professor Vittorio Daniele. This year, in line with the macro-theme identified, the session will be entitled: *"Economic gaps and conflicts: studies and research in memory of Vittorio Daniele"*. Professor Daniele was a source of pride not only as Professor of Economic Policy at *Magna Graecia* University of Catanzaro, but also as a highly respected economist and internationally recognised Meridionalist¹. His studies, which resulted in numerous scientific articles and monographs, mainly concerned economic development from a historical perspective. Among his wide-ranging contributions, the following works deserve mention: *Delay and growth in Calabria: an economic analysis* (2005); *The growth of nations: Facts and theories* (2008); *The North-South divide in Italy 1861–2011* (2011) (co-authored with Paolo Malanima).

¹ The expression refers to an expert on the social and economic issues of southern Italy (the so-called "southern question").

The detailed event program will be made available at a later date.

RESEARCH LINES

Defining conflict is not a simple task: the term refers to the idea of clash, combat, or, more simply, opposition involving two or more parties. It is a concept subject to various interpretations and nuances in both legal and economic contexts. Each interpretation unequivocally refers to the sociological idea of an “antagonistic relationship between individual or collective actors competing for the possession, use, or enjoyment of scarce resources”.

We are living through a historical period marked by the fragility of relationships and the loss of certainties once taken for granted, such as democracy. Today’s world is characterised by a multitude of conflicts occurring in various parts of the globe, generating widespread instability and distrust. Analysing, studying, and investigating the causes that give rise to wars, without aligning with specific ideological positions, is essential to understanding their effects. Conflicts, which involve legal, economic, sociological, and health-related implications, are often the result of a series of dynamics that have gradually intensified over time. War, in the strict sense, represents only their culmination.

Resilience, from the Latin *resilire* (“to bounce back” or “to absorb the energy of a shock”) is the ability of a community to confront and overcome conflict, to prevent it, and to transform adverse experiences into opportunities for growth and empowerment. Today, however, this concept must be reconsidered beyond its 'heroic' meaning and understood more critically as a collective response to conflicts generated by economic crises and social transformations. In this light, resilience emerges as a necessary response through which individuals facing conflict can resist, reinterpret the present, and create new ways of living.

As is well known, the contemporary international context is characterised by the multifaceted nature of a “conflicting world,” as evidenced by political, military, economic, social, and technological divisions. These fractures reflect fundamental divergences regarding justice, freedom, and the common good, requiring us to reconsider the geo-strategic framework that emerged after World War II. In this context, resilience encompasses more than just the capacity to restore the *status quo* (*bounce back*); it also incorporates a proactive dimension of learning, adaptation, and positive transformation (*bounce forward*). Resilience is a dynamic process operating across interdependent levels: individual, collective, national, and international and it functions both as a mechanism for absorbing external

shocks and as a model for strategic reorganisation. It preserves a system's essential functions while reconfiguring its responses to disruption through structural flexibility and innovative capacity.

This *Call* aims to encourage young researchers and scholars (PhD candidates, PhD graduates and postdoctoral researchers) to analyse and explore the causes and effects behind the outbreak of various conflicts across different regions of the world. Contributors are invited to take an active role in these debates and help shape the near future through clear comparative and interdisciplinary analysis within the framework of the *Conference*.

In the light of the conceptual premises outlined above, candidates are invited to submit proposals on the macro-theme of “*conflict and resilience*,” interpreting it according to their own expertise and research interests. Possible topics include but are not limited to the crisis of international law, the lack of respect for human rights, the destabilisation of international economies and their interconnections, the role of technology in conducting armed attacks or the compromise of the right to health, particularly in relation to the extreme conditions under which medical personnel operate.

Regarding the session entitled *Economic gaps and conflict: studies and research in memory of Vittorio Daniele*, the following lines of research are suggested, reflecting the topics Professor Daniele explored throughout his career: the economic and social effects of wars, wartime economies and economic policies, globalisation, development gaps, wars and migratory phenomena, the causes and consequences of major migrations, the role of geopolitics in international relations.

During the selection phase, proposals on the main theme that present originality in both topic and research method, along with an interdisciplinary approach, will be highly valued.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ABSTRACTS, CHRONOLOGY OF REQUIREMENTS, PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Participants will be selected through a Call 4 Abstracts. Based on the focus and content of their advanced research proposals, selected authors will be invited to present their work either in the regular session or in the special session entitled “Economic divides and conflicts: studies and research in memory of Vittorio Daniele”.

The Conference will be held at *Magna Graecia* University of Catanzaro, in the Department of Law, Economics, and Sociology on 11 December 2025.

Young scholars interested in the *Call* are invited to submit an anonymous *abstract* and a separate presentation page indicating the authors’ names, email addresses, and affiliated institutions. Submissions should be sent via email to young4great@unicz.it by **10 August 2025**.

The *abstract* must not exceed 7,000 characters (including footnotes and spaces) and must be accompanied by an essential bibliography.

The file must be in PDF format and include the following:

1. a clear indication of the title and topic of the proposal
2. a presentation page in PDF format containing:
 - a) the title and topic of the proposal;
 - b) personal information and institutional affiliation of the author;
 - c) author’s contact details (email address and phone number)

Proposals will be accepted in either Italian or English.

The Scientific Committee will select papers through a double evaluation process, using an evaluation form to compile the final list of accepted submissions.

The evaluation results will be published on www.unicz.it by **22 September 2025**.

The submitted *papers* will subsequently be published in a collective volume and/or in scientific journals relevant to the specific Scientific Disciplinary Sector. Delivery deadlines and editorial criteria will be communicated at a later date, following the selection of the publishing house and the aforementioned journals.

Selected authors must confirm their participation in the Conference by sending an email to young4great@unicz.it no later than **10 October 2025**.

Additional details about logistics and services will be communicated to participants at a later date.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For any inquiries regarding the *Conference*, please contact the Organising Committee at young4great@unicz.it

Summary of deadlines:

Submission of extended abstracts	10 August 2025
Communication of selection result	22 September 2025
Confirmation of conference participation	10 October 2025
Conference	11 December 2025

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