



University of Maribor

Faculty of Arts

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### **Cultural Resistance on A Fiftieth Anniversary: In Hannah Arendt's Footsteps**

Fifty years ago, on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1975, Hanna Arendt died in New York. This remarkable philosopher re-mapped the landscape of human civilization, changing how we think about individual responsibility in the face of injustice. Most memorably, Arendt gave the world the concept of the “banality of evil.” Over the fifty years since her passing, the world has had time to ponder her analysis of the genesis and rise of Nazism and Totalitarianism, along with the more positive concepts of cultural durability and cultural resistance. Culture and ethical education appear fragile barriers against arbitrary totalitarian rule; however, these are the weapons that we at the Faculty of Arts have at our disposal.

The University of Maribor also celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year—making 1975 both an ending and a beginning. Let us mark the moment in the hopes that Arendt's ethical stance can be worthily reflected and extended by those owing allegiance to this institution, which should represent one of those barriers to arbitrary exercise of unjust power.

In the spirit of Hannah Arendt, we invite proposals for presentations at a symposium (on December 4<sup>th</sup> 2025) that considers how Arendt's vision of totalitarian rise has been represented in literature and the arts, addressed by philosophers and ethicists, proven accurate by history and sociology, and left its traces in languages across Europe.

#### **Topics could include**

- Other cultural monuments marking a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Literary explorations of totalitarianism, in any of the European languages
- History and memoir of the Second World War and its aftermath
- War crimes, the Holocaust, and the quest for justice
- The role of ethics in higher education and in teacher training
- The ethics of AI in the classroom and in research
- The linguistics of hate and totalitarianism

Since this will be a single-day event, presentations should be short.

Please send abstracts, potential titles, or simply an expression of interest to [michelle.gadpaille@um.si](mailto:michelle.gadpaille@um.si)