

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR A STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

Happy Birthday, Harry! **Exploring the success story of Joanne K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series**

In 1997 Joanne K. Rowling published the first volume of her *Harry Potter* series: *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. The series has contributed to rendering both children's literature and fantasy more popular than ever and to turning the notion of 'crossover/all ages literature' into one of the key terms in research. (Almost) twenty years after the publication of the first volume, the series seems to be as alive and thriving as ever – with both a new instalment of the series (*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*) and a tie-in movie (*Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*) in 2016.

The students' conference, which will take place from 4-5 April, 2017 at the University of Bonn, seeks to examine Rowling's series as well as its transformations into other media. We invite academic papers of 20 minutes exploring diverse aspects of the series or of individual novels and various facets of the *Harry Potter* universe, ranging from the movies to all expressions of *Harry Potter* fandom (fan fiction, fan art, theme parks, etc.). If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send an abstract of no more than 300 words and a short biographical note (of 3-5 lines) by 31 October, 2016 to the following email address: hpotter@uni-bonn.de. Both students from the University of Bonn and from other universities are welcome! If you have any questions, please, feel free to contact us via the email address above.

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