*Universities “against”.*

*The role of Universities in political systems in crisis*

Internal and external conflicts, changes and social tensions, strategies of tension, nationalisms, separatist movements, wars of religion.

How, where and why did professors and students take part into tearing struggles, expression of political systems in crisis and, often, against those political systems, did they fight writing, getting involved politically and socially and, sometimes, using weapons?

A steady phenomenon in the history of modern and contemporary Europe (and not only) which we intend to think over though a multi-voice narration that, inevitability, changes over time and space depending on the perspective look of who, turning out “against” for someone or a lot of people, will be considered “in favour of” by other people.

We intend to think over these subjects in Messina during an International Conference, organized by the research group of History of Political Institutions, for which the university history has always represented a privileged line of research.

An occasion that, moreover, as well as a moment of confrontation among different and distant realities, also represents a tribute to Andrea Romano who incited us to study those themes that are so beloved to him.

The Conference will take place on 3, 4 and 5 December 2018.