

# Writers and Presidents: The POTUS in US Fiction and Culture



**9:30 - 11:00 (panel I, Chair: Ali Dehdarirad)**

**Paolo Simonetti, Sapienza Università di Roma**

*From 'Washington Cannibalistically Developed' to the 'Liar-in-Chief': All the Novelists' Presidents*

**Anna Cadoni, Università Roma Tre**

*Hope, Death, and a Fragile Legacy: an Obama-Biden Bromance in the Trump Era*

**Enrico Mariani, Università Ca' Foscari**

*"Big Chap with a Fine Presence": W. G. Harding and the Teapot Dome Scandal in Upton Sinclair's Oil!*

**11:00 - 12:00 (Coffee Break)**

**12:00 - 13:30 (Panel II, Chair: Giacomo Traina)**

**Yuri Chung, Sapienza Università di Roma**

*"Achieving a Great Human Dream." Richard Nixon all'opera!*

**Giulia Magro, Sapienza Università di Roma**

*"Make America Great Again": Ronald Reagan, Neoliberalism, and Medievalism in Octavia E. Butler's Earthseed series*

**Stefano Franceschini, Sapienza Università di Roma**

*"This Terminal Stupidity at the End of the World": Nuclear Disaster and the Vestiges of Internet Culture in Mark Doten's Trump Sky Alpha*

**13:30 - 15:30 (Lunch break)**

**15:30 - 17:00 (Panel III, Chair: Paolo Simonetti)**

**Umberto Rossi, Independent scholar**

*Three Imaginary Presidents You Should Know: PKD at the White House*

**Giacomo Traina, Università degli Studi di Trieste**

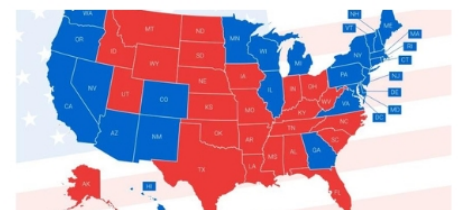
*"Peace with Honor" and other Fictions: Nixon, Watchmen, and Vietnamization*

**Ali Dehdarirad, Sapienza Università di Roma**

*"The Green Free America" or "The Scabland Garrison State": Pynchon's Presidents*

**17:00 - 18:00 (Round table)**

**Research Project:  
The Global Rise of Post-Truth**



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