

*What's in a name?
Everything, life, death,
Infamy or fame.*

H.D., *By Avon River*

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mediAzioni (mediation) was chosen as a title because of what it evokes: media, action, mediation, and all that these terms imply – the space in between, a space that although compressed in the name of the journal opens up to a multiplicity of meanings and interpretations. With *mediAzioni* we wish to encourage thinking across strictly defined disciplines and highlight the value of crossing borders in the belief that the cross-fertilization resulting from an interdisciplinary approach can prove enriching. Moreover, mediating the differences between languages, cultures, histories, nations, identities, genders and peoples represents one of the most pressing concerns that we, as teachers and scholars, feel challenged to face every day. Thus, we named the journal *mediAzioni*: "mediation" in the sense of negotiating and understanding differences, but also in the sense of action, that is, how to "do" things with language, how to promote change in culture and society, how to open up new ways of thinking with research, imagination and passion.

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