

## GYA POETRY CALL 2022

### Science + Art = Peace + Justice WG

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**Theme:**

# ALCHEMIES



*Credits: Abbas Kiarostami*

Dear colleagues,

You are cordially invited to reach beyond the scope of the known to draw new pathways. In these challenging times we would like to propose a set of poetry creativity options to learn to look at the conventional reality with new eyes, thus allowing you to rediscover your own field through different textures and to gain the ability to resource to the 'poetry of science' as a new language of positive societal impact.

As Hélène Cixous expressed in *The Book of Promethea* "I do believe in poetry. I believe that there are creatures endowed with the power to put things together and bring them back to life." This is, precisely, our objective, to invite you to explore the secret waves and utterances of the poetic expression to give new impulse to your outputs and conclusions and to offer you transformative tools to be yourself as scientists with even more committed intensity.

It is for this reason that we have chosen the theme of '**Alchemies**'. We extend to you this possibility of learning, experiencing and sharing metamorphosis as a force in action able to transform matter (your research) into energy (poetry) and poetry (your regained language of impact) back into matter (your enhanced capacity to communicate with the wider world).

The topic and approach of the poems as part of this call can vary and that is why we welcome several participation modalities:

**1. Have your research abstract converted into a poem:**



*Credits: Andrei Tarkovsky*

If you are interested in sending a research abstract or your current project or paper in an accessible language for lay persons to have it transformed into a poem, please, mark option 1 on this link:

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**2. Tell your science story via your poem**



*Credits: Sanjay Kanojia*

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### **3. Tell a science fiction story via your poem**

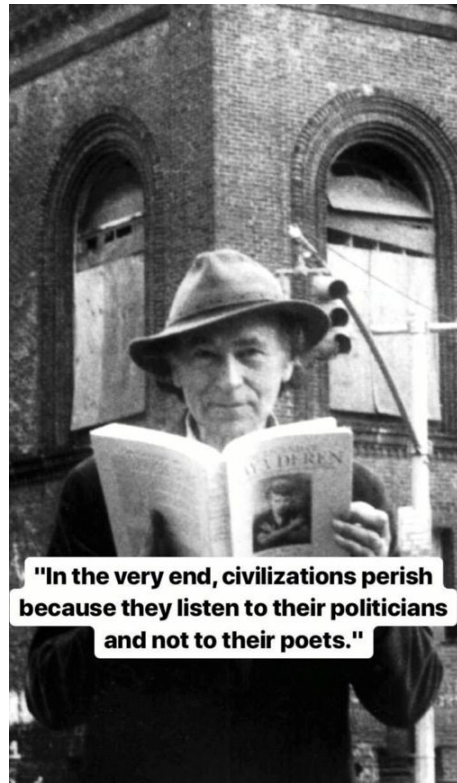


“Hard times are coming, when we’ll be wanting the voices of writers who can see alternatives to how we live now, can see through our fear-stricken society and its obsessive technologies to other ways of being, and even imagine real grounds for hope. We’ll need writers who can remember freedom – poets, visionaries – realists of a larger reality.”  
–Ursula K. Le Guin

Please, add your text (prose or verses) by marking option 3 on this link:

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### **4. Educate via your poem**

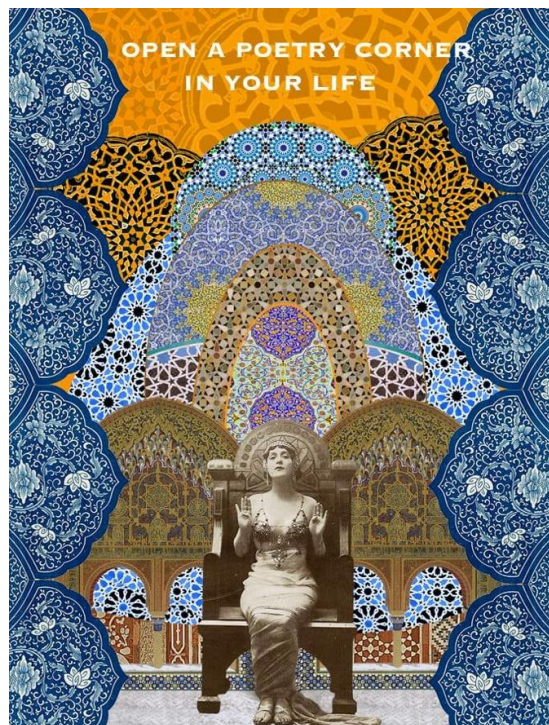


*Credits: Jonas Mekas*

Please, add your poem by marking option 4 on this link:

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**5. Tell us what inspired you to write the poem and your background**



*Credits: Laura Li*

Please, add your text by marking option 5 on this link:

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**6. Let's write a collective GYA poem, verse by verse:**

During our last AGM we started writing a collective poem about what the GYA means for us, one verse (or groups of verses) per person. Let's make it grow...as you know, you are the GYA!

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Please, add you verse(s) to this link:

7. Finally, we are preparing a **multilingual reading of poems on peace** from any culture and in any language. You are welcome to upload your proposed poems for this collective reading on this link:

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So, let's flex our poetry muscles!

The alchemy of the languages of the mind is waiting for YOU!