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Exile and Exile of the Self was originally a conference organized by the Department of Italian at the University of California, Los Angeles which was held November 12-13, 1993. This particular volume of *Carte Italiane* is out of the ordinary insofar as it is the publication of the proceedings of the conference. After months of consideration and reflection the organizational committee chose *Exile and Exile of the Self* based on two thematic currents. On the one hand, it was our desire to solicit papers addressing exile in its political and cultural dimensions. On the other it was intended as an invitation for papers addressing exile in a more existential arena, for example, the very act of writing as a means of self-imposed exile. The papers published here are testimony to the richness and variety of literary themes which the notion of "exile" was able to provoke.

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