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› Self in the Making — Narrative and Performative Constructions of Identity

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About the Student Conference

“It's like everyone tells a story about themselves inside their own head. Always. All the time. That story makes you what you are. We build ourselves out of that story.”

— Patrick Rothfuss in *The Name of the Wind*

The concept of identity is as central to human existence as it is complex. Notions of identity have constantly been contested in past decades and centuries, in theory and through artistic or social practice. Central to this conference is the underlying assumption that identity is a construct which is performed and narrated by and through literary texts, in social media, music and visual art. Constant negotiations, reiterations or subversions of concepts of the self in these spheres challenge notions of identity as fixed and predetermined. This also raises the important questions whether e.g. ethnic, gender, national and regional identities can be traced to an essence, how these different ‘types’ of identities might intersect, and how these questions are dealt with in literature.

The conference is organized by students and seeks to offer a platform for Bachelor, Master and Magister students of all fields of study to present their research and to exchange and discuss their work and ideas with peers sharing a similar interest in English Literary and Cultural Studies.

Interested in presenting a paper? Please send a 300 word abstract of your 20-minute paper to contact@studentconferencemuenster.de by **15 April 2015**. A first version of the paper will be expected by 31 May 2015. We look forward to reading your abstracts!

Interested in attending as a guest? Guest listeners are greatly welcomed. We kindly ask you to register at our website.

There will be no registration fee.

For further information please visit our conference website: www.studentconferencemuenster.de

Why attend?

A student conference offers the unique opportunity for students of different levels to gain valuable experience in presenting the results of a research paper or thesis in the context of an academic conference and receive direct feedback from peers.

The event will provide the chance to network with fellow young researchers and engage in critical discussions which may inspire new perspectives and raise questions for further academic work, thus constituting a fruitful exchange not just for the speakers but for all of the attendees.