

Reading Young Adult (YA) Literature in the EFL Classroom and Beyond

Call for Papers

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Young Adult literature (YA) is a burgeoning genre in the book world, with committed publishers and dedicated imprints, its own place in bookstores and libraries as well as on #bookstagram, and with its own set of passionate readers and fans. YA literature is a focal point for discussions surrounding bibliodiversity and heterogeneity in and beyond the classroom. To acknowledge these trends in YA, and consider the opportunities for ELT through and with YA, we are merging our interests as researchers of English Language Education and Book Studies and coordinating this unique interdisciplinary symposium.

Confirmed keynote speakers are: Werner Delanoy, Klagenfurt, Austria; Melanie Ramdarshan Bold, Glasgow, UK; Alison Waller, Roehampton, UK.

Under the heading “Reading YA in the EFL Classroom and Beyond”, we invite you to submit abstracts for 20-minute papers by November 15, 2021 to ya2022@uni-muenster.de. We are seeking papers that consider contemporary YA from a variety of innovative approaches, including, but not limited to its

- integration in English language education (Sekundarstufe I+II)
- uses in library and literacy contexts
- potential for new forms of literary reception (e.g. #bookstagram) and creative writing (e.g. fan fiction).

Questions and inquiries can be directed to ya2022@uni-muenster.de.