

Postcolonial Translocations - 20th International ASNEL Conference

April 3, 2009 Muenster / The English department of WWU Muenster University will be hosting the 20th annual conference of the Association for the Study of the New Literatures in English (ASNEL) from 21st to 24th May 2009. The conference focuses on the phenomenon of *Postcolonial Translocations*, investigating not only the global movements of people, cultural products and ideas. Additionally, new kinds of location, *trans-locations* consisting of fractured and variously connected spaces, are taken into account.

ASNEL is the leading academic association for anglophone postcolonial and transcultural Literary and Cultural Studies in the German-speaking countries. The conferences attract an international audience and provide an important forum for researchers in this field. For the 2009 conference, c.120 papers and up to 200 participants from 30 different countries are expected.

In addition to discussing various issues regarding Postcolonial/Transcultural Studies in general, the conference focuses on literary and cultural manifestations of globalisation, transnationalism, migration and diasporic phenomena. Keynote speakers and panellists will examine subjects on authority and authenticity, border regimes and border crossings, travel literature, and changing conceptions of space. Selected panels include *Cosmopolitan Film Cultures*, *Translocating Cosmopolitanism*, *Imagining Translocal Space*, *Transmigration*, *Translocal Food and its Representations* and *Black British Translocations*.

The 2009 ASNEL conference will also feature a section on the teaching of New English Literatures in schools. The School Teaching Forum offers sessions for practicing teachers and students, a panel for academics and school-teachers as well as general theoretical and methodological discussions.

Confirmed keynote speakers include Professor Ien Ang, Professor of Cultural Studies and currently an Australian Research Council Professorial Fellow at the University of Western Sydney, Professor Diana Brydon who is a holder of the Canada Research Chair in Globalization and Cultural Studies at the University of Manitoba as well as Professor Edward Soja from UCLA where he is Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning.

Apart from academic papers, the conference also features readings by poets and novelists. Confirmed participants are Tomáš Zmeškal, Bernadine Evaristo, and Samir El-Youssef.

A preliminary list of thematic panels is now online.

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