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Panel: 'Translocation' as Topos in Literatures and Films from/on Southern Africa.

Southern Africa is the part of the world where the largest number of people are on the move, more than in Asia, more than in the Middle East and more than in South America. There are various concepts and terms to describe this phenomenon each of which implies a different political and humanitarian problem. Terms like 'forced migration', 'Disaster induced Displacement', 'Internally Displaced Persons', 'Human Trafficking', etc. try to capture the situation verbally; literary texts, life stories, movies, and photography try to create images in order to visualize it.

We invite contributions to approach these issues from different angles and disciplines:

- philosophical/anthropological: ethics of identity; violence and resistance; displacement and human rights.
- historical / political: long-term consequences of colonialism; independence and intervention.

Please send your abstract of approximately 200 words no later than December 31, 2008.

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