

Family Sagas in World Literatures and Audio-Visual Cultures Reimagining Nations Across the Globe

28 – 29 June 2017

Leeds Humanities Research Institute (LHRI), Seminar Room 1
University of Leeds

PROGRAMME

Wed, 28 June

14.30 – 15.00 Registration, coffee & refreshments (catered)

15.00 – 15.15 Welcome and introduction

15.15 – 16.15 **Keynote Lecture chaired by Paul Rowe**
Nicholas White (University of Cambridge)
Around 1870: Zola's family saga and the birth of modern Europe

16.15 – 17.30 **Chair: Alison Fell**
Diana Holmes (University of Leeds)
A twenty-first century roman-fleuve? Nancy Huston's Faultlines
Fiona Barclay (University of Stirling)
Representing history: the family saga in the literature of the French settlers of Algeria
Rachel Killick (University of Leeds)
'Too much history, too little geography?' Re/membering the Québécois nation in Michel Tremblay's family sagas

17.30 – 18.30 **Reception** sponsored by
the **British Comparative Literature Association (BCLA)**

Conference dinner 19.30

Thu, 29 June

Coffee & refreshments (catered) 9.00 – 9.30

Keynote Lecture chaired by Christopher Homewood

9.30 – 10.30 **Rachel Palfreyman** (University of Nottingham)

Edgar Reitz's Heimat sagas: gender, family, nation

10.30 – 11.20 **Chair: Ingrid Sharp**

Ingo Cornils (University of Leeds)

'Where I am, is Germany'. German family sagas in the 20th and 21st Century

Rose Simpson (Independent Scholar)

Eternal Germany for the Third Reich:

Ina Seidel's novel Lennacker (1938)

Coffee & refreshments (catered) 11.20 – 11.35

11.35 – 12.50 **Chair: Richard Hibbitt**

Mark Allinson (University of Bristol)

An everyday tale of socialist folk: Neumann 2 x klingeln and the nation-building project in the German Democratic Republic

Cordula Böcking (National University of Ireland Maynooth)

Absent parents, absent children: dis the (im)possibility of closure in Weissensee

Stefanie Kreibich (Bangor University)

The demise of the GDR narrated through the family in Christian Schwochow's Der Turm and Roland Suso Richter's Das Wunder von Berlin

Thu, 29 June

Lunch break (catered) 12.50 – 14.00

Keynote Lecture chaired by Thea Pitman

14.00 – 15.00 **Jobst Welge** (Stockholm University)

The family saga in Latin America

15.00 – 16.15 **Chair: Olivia Santovetti**

Marcin Filipowicz (University of Warsaw, University of Hradec Králové)

Memory of houses. Family sagas and family memories

Naomi Charlotte Fukuzawa (University College London)

Setsu Koizumi's performative intercultural translation for Lafcadio Hearn's Anglophone Japanese ghost stories / family sagas Kwaidan (1904)

Vincenzo Mele (University of Pisa)

From The Sopranos to Gomorra. A comparison between gangsters family sagas in American and Italian television series

16.15 – 17.00 Roundtable and final remarks

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The School of Languages, Cultures and Societies (LCS, University of Leeds)

The Centre for World Literatures (LCS, University of Leeds)

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INFORMATION

Conference venue

Leeds Humanities Research Institute (LHRI), Seminar Room 1 – University of Leeds
the LHRI is located at 29-31 Clarendon Place. See the interactive campus map:

<https://www.leeds.ac.uk/campusmap>

Conference dinner

If you would like to join us for dinner on Wed 28 June, **please confirm your attendance with the conference organizer by Wed 21 June**. Please, note that **the conference fees do not cover the dinner**. A table has been booked at Shears Yard: <http://www.shearsyard.com/>

Booking your accommodation

You can book a room at *The Storm Jameson Court*, which is located on campus at walking distance from the Edward Boyle Library. To book a room, please click on the following link: <https://www.meetinleeds.co.uk/shortbreaks>

If you input and apply the promo code UOLFRIENDS the rate will be reduced from £44 per night to £40. Please, note that this does not include breakfast. If you wish to arrange any breakfast, please email the catering team at delivery@leeds.ac.uk

Travelling

If you fly to *Leeds Bradford Airport*, you can take a direct bus to *Leeds Bus Station*:

<http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk/>

<http://www.flyingtigerbus.co.uk/>

If you fly to *Manchester Airport*, you can take a direct train from Manchester Airport to *Leeds Train Station*:

<http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/>

<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/default.aspx>

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