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Morning view of the Oslo Fjord (Photograph by MH)

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Having returned from Oslo where they went to meet with their colleagues organizing the Oslo Conference (led by David C. Mauk and Ole O. Moen), the officers of EAAS have every reason to trust our May gathering will be a success. What ice and snow (remarkably little this year we were told) remained on the ground will by then have vanished and have been replaced by the trees and flowerbeds this extremely modern, easily accessed, state-of-the art Blindern campus boasts. Facilities are ideal at the University of Oslo, an institution that recently added several impressive pieces of architecture to its comfortable premises, most remarkable among which is the new library, one we hope will be made available for some of our working sessions. The information contained in this newsletter, as well as that transmitted in due course by our Secretary-General to workshop conveners, should answer the most pressing practical questions EAAS members might have as they prepare for their trip.

One principal concern, well grounded, has to be assuaged here: there is no denying that Oslo is an expensive city for foreign visitors, essentially where food and alcoholic beverages are concerned. Delegates will indeed be well advised to make use of the lists of restaurants our hosts will provide in order to avoid unpleasant surprises: one

cannot emphasize enough the rather impressive rates practiced in bars. Fortunately, our hosts have also seen to it that most meals and convivial libations will be part of the official conference program, receptions taking place every day and lunch being available on the Blindern campus. On the whole, straying from well-prepared paths may not be the most economical idea... And saving ten minutes for twice the price on the fastest train from the airport may not be either... All details can be found inside the following pages and on the EAAS website; we can only recommend that common sense collaborate with *libre arbitre*...

The organizers of the conference and the officers of EAAS have done all they could to avoid excessive costs to participants and it is hoped that all will find their trip to beautiful Oslo amply worth their while. The city has much to offer and the natural site of its location is exceptional.

In keeping with requests made at previous conferences, the Conference organizers have set aside time slots for a number of shoptalks. Traditionally the literature, history and American Studies Shoptalks have taken place simultaneously. This will also be the case in Oslo. A number of colleagues had asked that the previous conference, in Nicosia, also include several “collegiate” shoptalks and special fora that could accommodate debates centered on possible initiatives taken, for example, by the Women’s Caucus, groups of “young Americanists” and post-doc scholars, national journal editors, the European Cluster for American Studies etc. This opportunity was quite willingly provided, with varying

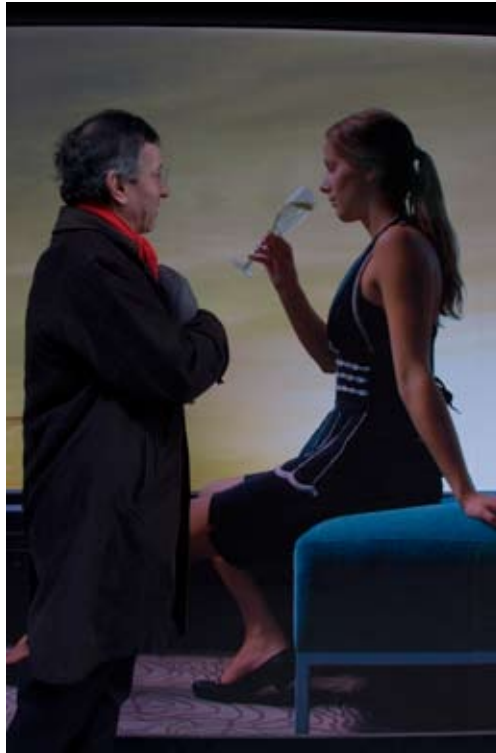
success. Although this year they received requests for special fora only very late, the officers have decided to include them once more in the conference program, as, after all, some meetings in Nicosia had quite positive outcomes. Young scholars managed to organize several successful meetings, partially subsidized by EAAS, and contributions by journal editors very much helped define the role and format of our European Journal of

American Studies. The Women’s Caucus in Nicosia talked about establishing an ongoing web conversation, but this has, so far, not happened in spite of facilities extended by EAAS. It would be wonderful if the original Cyprus impetus were to materialize in an ongoing academic commitment.

The Oslo Conference will be my last as President of EAAS and I will make sure a general report on the activities and development of our association over the last four years is provided before I hand over my responsibilities to my successor. As I close let me, therefore, remind you that, once again, given the success of this new formula in Nicosia, the General Meeting of EAAS will take place just before the Conference opens. It is an important opportunity for information and exchange and

I strongly encourage all conference delegates to attend. Our pleasure at seeing you all gathered there is the most important reward your officers crave for their daily efforts. Have a safe and good trip to Oslo. I very much look forward to seeing you there.

Marc Chénétier



The President contemplating EAAS, an allegorical figure of the late 20th century
(Photograph by MH)

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Sculpture in the Vigeland Park, Oslo. (Photograph by MH)

MINUTES OF THE EAAS EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' MEETING

23-24 February, Oslo, Norway

Item 1: Conference Organization

The Oslo organizers have hired a conference bureau (Congress-Conference AS) to handle on-line registration and negotiate hotel prices. The information appears on the conference web site and has been constantly updated. David Mauk noted that they have been responsive to any queries and suggestions. The hotel for the Board then came under discussion and DM revealed that the SAS Radisson has agreed to a special rate for Board members. JV will send a list of Board members to DM so that he can pass on to the conference bureau. Marianne Draugsvoll is now the contact person at the bureau. DM and organizers will be providing people with lists of restaurants and bars and their costs in the conference packs. Someone from the conference bureau will be on the desk at the registration of the conference; on the first day next to the Aula building and after that at the university for any late comers. DM provided statistics indicating the number of people already registered (153) and articulated his hope that eventually the conference would attract 300 delegates. 350 would be the top number of attendees possible for reasons of accommodating them in the conference program and venues.

The local student association – NORSASS – will be on hand to supply help with the conference on the Oslo campus. They have been lined up to help with registration and also with computer/technological issues.

Board meeting rooms are being arranged and the officers noted the need for these to have Wireless LAN access for laptop computers. The computer lab of Oslo University should be asked to create a temporary login and password for conference participants and to produce a written explanation of how access can be gained.

The Thursday EAAS Board meeting will take place all day on campus. The EAAS Board meeting room on Friday morning needs to be in the downtown location in the building in the Urbygning from 9:00 to 1:00. Monday meetings will be on campus as well.

DM is making arrangements for an EAAS Secretariat – a special room set aside for quick consultations among Board members should issues arise that need to be dealt with immediately. The officers noted that this needs to be lockable and also that plenary lecturers might be allowed access.

DM noted the number of changes that had been coming in with regard to program details and it was agreed that JV would announce to workshop chairs that the final cut off date for changes would be March 3.

It was agreed that the EJAS editorial committee would meet on Friday at 2:00.

DM informed the officers that all seminar rooms have beamers, power point, computers and the capability of accommodating personal laptops, however it was agreed that it would be far easier if people brought their presentations and information on a memory stick. JV would write to workshop chairs advising them of this and also suggesting that presentations should not be formatted in odd fonts, etc. as this could cause problems in projection. MH suggested that a standby phone number should be in place for any problems.

A discussion ensued with regard to the recreational arrangements. DM noted that for the Fjord cruise all the participants will be accommodated on one boat which is also where the banquet will take place. The cruise itself is a couple of hours long. The Friday reception will be at the City Hall and Saturday's reception will occur at the US Ambassador's house with, weather permitting, a garden party. All participants to this event will need photo id and they must tell organizers if they are coming so the Embassy can have this information in advance.

The book exhibit will be placed in the building where most of the workshops will be taking place and the area can be locked. Its proximity to the workshops should ensure that there is a good audience flow.

Coffee and water services have been arranged and should be easily available and work is proceeding on designing a conference poster, printing direction markers, etc. Photocopying will be in the Niels Treschows hus for those attendees who need emergency copies. There will be one location for people to report to for any of their needs at the registration desk on campus.

Information on how to get from the airport to the hotels and the city will appear on the conference and EAAS web site. DM noted that the airport express train is nearly twice as expensive as the regular train. Oslo transportation systems are excellent. There are tram

lines (17 and 18) that go close to some of the hotels. There is also a Metro that runs directly from downtown to the campus. DM will provide as much information as possible to MH for the newsletter.

Shop talks and fora (women's caucus, young scholars, history, literature and American Studies) were discussed at some length. No one has asked about these or volunteered. MH will note that there are slots reserved for the women's and young scholar shop talks in the Newsletter. If anyone wanting to volunteer to lead these talks they should contact MC. JV will contact Jo Metcalf to find out if any postgrads will be at Oslo and if they want to organize a shop talk and who would want to be EAAS contact person. There can also be a journal editors' shop talk and one for ECAS (European Cluster for American Studies). The officers would contact people to see if they would be willing to lead the three disciplinary shop talks.

Per diem rates for Board members is currently 90 Euros per day per person for three days. The Treasurer suggested that as a result of the special conditions of the cost of Oslo it may be reasonable to raise this to 120 Euros per day. It would then be the case that after this per diem would reduce to 100 Euros per day per person from the 2009 Zurich Board meeting onward. The Oslo conference organizers will be asked to consider raising the per diems for workshop chairs and parallel lectures as well, perhaps with EAAS subsidies of 30 Euros per day. Oslo organizers (Ole Moen) have raised money to help subsidize various elements of the conference. Clearly everything will be done to help relieve the high cost of the conference for as many people as possible, dependent upon the continued success of fund raising by the conference organizers.

A tentative budget was discussed with the Oslo organizers and it appears, at this early stage, that the budgetary costs of the conference will be covered by the combination of conference fees, money raised by the Oslo team and money donated by other authorities and subsidies of the providers of some of the events.

The EJAS editorial team is going to meet in Oslo. EAAS has indicated that they should all come to Oslo to hold a meeting of the full editorial board and has provided the means to do so. As of this week, it is unclear whether or not all journal board members will attend. It was agreed that it is crucial that the editorial board of EJAS consists of a group of people who are able to dedicate time to maintaining and growing the

journal. Currently, there are one or two members of the EJAS board who are being over-burdened and it would be helpful to look at the composition of the full editorial board with a view toward perhaps revision. This will be discussed by the full EAAS Board at the Oslo meeting or by postal ballot before Oslo, time being of the essence. [See item 9 below for further discussions.]

Item 2: Elections

There will be elections for Treasurer and President at the EAAS Board meeting in May. There has been a subcommittee of the EAAS Board looking into who might be willing to stand. They have not reported their results to the officers yet but MC will get in touch with them to remind them that they will need to speak to any possible candidates before the meeting in Oslo to ensure that those who are willing to serve have been identified.

Item 3: ASE Newsletter

The newsletter is due out in mid March with the information from the officers' visit to the Oslo venue included so that those people attending the conference will have as much information as possible. Travel grant reports will be included, as well the new elected officers of constituent associations. Practical information about travel, etc. for those attending the conference will also be included.

Item 4: Web Site - Nothing to Report

Item 5: Budget and Grants

A full explanation of the accounts since the last Board meeting was delivered by the Treasurer. HJG reported that membership and hence dues have dropped dramatically. The British Association is below 400 members now, and the Nordic Association has also dropped. Some small increases have occurred in smaller countries but there has been a very large growth in the French Association. With regard to dues, it has been a good year with most of the money already having come in however nothing has been heard from Belarus, the Italian Association or the Russian Association. We have an account of nearly 50,000 Euros at this point. Maintenance of the web site is a low cost as HJG has been maintaining it himself. Money has gone out for travel grants and to support occasional scholarly meetings. Travel grant requests have come in so far from 6 applicants who are holding a small discussion group on American humor in Turkey. HJG will write back and ask for more details and information.

Item 6: EAAS Members' Address List

The officers of EAAS are continually asked to provide lists of our membership. This arises with regard to attempts to sell products and/or make contact with our national association members for professional and commercial reasons. EAAS needs to know the number of members of each national association in order to determine dues. The other benefit of having the names of members is to check that they are members of their national associations with regard to presenting papers at our conference. As far as the 'outside' use of names is concerned, we have never agreed to 'sell' our members' names. When these requests are made the person asking for the information can be directed to the contact details of the secretaries of our member national associations, as the national associations are the 'owners' of these lists. In future, national representatives of their associations will be responsible for bringing the full list of their membership to the Board meetings where workshop and parallel lecturers for the next conference are being determined.

Item 7: New Members

Serbia has approached MC with regard to making an application to join EAAS. MC asked Aleksandra Izgarjan to provide more information. She sent back the articles of the association, the list of members and a list of planned activities. MC then followed this up with a further request for information on the membership in order to understand what the membership affiliations are with regard to American Studies. There appears to be some question about the disciplinary affiliation of the proposed members. The question of regional memberships arose again with regard to Serbia and nearby national associations. It may be more understandable and logical for the Serbian group to look for partnership with other established EAAS member associations within their region or to look into setting up a wider regional association and then re-apply in the future. The EAAS officers will bring this up with the full EAAS Board at Oslo for discussion.

Item 8: Structure of Future Conferences

This item will be discussed at the Oslo meeting of the full Board.

Item 9: Publications

The new conference series was discussed at some length. The next edition will be a hard cover book. HJG distributed a color mock-up of the cover noting that it was an American Studies monograph series and the Nicosia edition will be volume 164 (also listed as European Views of the United States volume 1) with

an initial run of 1000. The previous volume from the Prague conference was done through a different publisher and had only a run of 50 to be followed by a print-on-demand situation. HJG researched the past publications of EAAS and discovered that EAAS owed much to the efforts of Rob Kroes for keeping the conference series going. This will be acknowledged in the General Assembly at the Oslo conference. For future volumes the editors need to be clear on the deadlines and schedule of publication to ensure that the volumes come out in a timely fashion. For example, for the Oslo conference we need an agreement, preferably in writing, that outlines all of the necessary arrangements and procedures. It may be that for each volume one of the officers needs to be part of the editorial team to ensure EAAS views and interests are clearly maintained. HJG made sure to ensure that EAAS is duly noted as the sponsor of the upcoming volume by including 'edited on behalf' of the EAAS on the title page. Addendum: in subsequent conference calls among the officers a new arrangement has been agreed with the publishing house that the EAAS series will appear as its own publication, and not in conjunction with the German Association's series.

Item 10: Any Other Business

JV had received requests for several individual memberships which were discussed. It was agreed that JV would suggest to those individuals to contact other, neighboring and established national associations.

JV raised the issue of how best to circulate and revise minutes. The officers agreed that minutes would go to officers, one at a time in rota to the President, then Treasurer, and finally the Vice President for inclusion in the newsletter – so that a final version exists in the Secretary General's files in the final format. JV will, once all corrections are agreed, print out three copies and sign these and forward them to the President for his signature so that a formal, set of minutes exists.

JV reminded the other officers that the theme for Dublin will be decided at the Oslo Board meeting. It is necessary for Board members to arrive in Oslo with a full description of any proposals for the next conference. The best topic would be more specific than some in the past. JV will remind the Board members of this and suggest that they can refer to the EAAS web site for themes of past conferences.

JV distributed the Board meeting agenda from Cyprus for the officers to look over and make suggestions. Some time was devoted to revising this agenda. JV will

type up the suggestions and circulate to the officers.

MC will contact various Board members to ask if they would introduce parallel lectures or act as leaders of shop talks. MH and HJG will help with this as well. MC will also contact the rector at Oslo University to help our local colleagues secure the use of adequate facilities.

Communication among officers was discussed at some length. Most communication between officers is done by countless emails, and it may well save time for the officers to communicate fortnightly by means of a con-

ference call. This could speed up communication as we near the conference but also allow for more detailed communication on a more regular basis thus, hopefully, lowering some of the more mundane burdens on the officers and provide more efficiency. The Officers agreed to test the use of a conference call free of charge through Skype. The afternoon was spent by the other three officers having a computer seminar given by the very talented Treasurer Hans-Jürgen.

Jenel Virden, Secretary General
Hull, 11 March 2008



The officers visiting Town Hall, guided by David Mauk and Ole Moen.
(Photograph by MH)

2008 EAAS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE, 9-12 May 2008, Oslo, Norway

"E Pluribus Unum" or "E Pluribus Plura"?

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, May 8	FRIDAY, May 9	SATURDAY, May 10	SUNDAY, May 11	MONDAY, May 12
<p>9:00–18:00 <i>Blindern Campus</i> <i>University of Oslo</i> EAAS Board Meeting: 9-13 Rådssalen, Admin-bldg; 13-18 Seminar room 140, Harriet Holters hus</p>	<p>9:00–13:00 <i>Downtown Campus</i> EAAS Board Meeting in the Urbygning* next to the Law School on Carl Johans gate, Aud 5</p>	<p>9:00–10:00 <i>Blindern Campus</i> <i>University of Oslo</i> Parallel Lectures: •Jan Nordby Gretlund •Maria del Mar Vilar Garcia •Justine Tally</p>	<p>9:00–10:00 <i>Blindern Campus</i> <i>University of Oslo</i> Plenary Lecture II: Winfried Fluck</p>	<p>9:00–10:00 <i>Blindern Campus</i> <i>University of Oslo</i> Parallel Lectures: •Gert Buelens •Hélène Aji •Bernd Herzogenrath</p>
		<p>10:00–10:30 Coffee Break</p>	<p>10:00–10:30 Coffee Break</p>	<p>10:00–10:30 Coffee Break</p>
	<p>10:00 Registration desk opens in the Vestibule to the Urbygning*. Registration desk is open 10-14.</p>	<p>10:30–12:30 Workshops I: First sessions of: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17</p>	<p>10:30–12:30 Workshops III: second sessions of: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 24</p>	<p>10:30–12:00 Shoptalks and Special Fora; Publishers' exhibit open •Historians' Shoptalk •Literary Shoptalk •Am. Studies Shoptalk</p>
	<p>12:00–14:00 Sightseeing walk in downtown Oslo. Meet in front of the Law School*. Student guides</p>	<p>12:30–14:00 Lunch Special Fora/Board Meetings; Publishers' exhibit open</p>	<p>12:30–14:30 Lunch Special Fora/Board Meetings; Publishers' exhibit open</p>	<p>12:00–13:00 Plenary Lecture III: Joan Richardson</p>
	<p>14:00–14:30 Meeting of Workshop Chairs in the Urbygning*, Theologisk Eksamenssal B</p>	<p>14:00–15:00 Parallel Lectures: •Josef Jařab •Sabine Sielke •Robert Lewis</p>	<p>14:30–16:30 Workshops IV: Second sessions of: 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27. Third session: 24</p>	<p>13.15–13.45 Conference Closing</p>
	<p>15:00–16:30 General Meeting, University Aula, Law School, Downtown Campus*</p>	<p>15:00–15:30 Coffee Break</p>	<p>16:30–17:30 To hotels: Prepare for sightseeing & cruise/banquet</p>	<p>14.00–16.00 (ca.) EAAS Board Meeting</p>
	<p>17:15–17:45 Conference Opening (Aula)</p>	<p>16:00–18:00 Workshops II: First sessions of: 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. Second sessions of: 2, 3, 17</p>	<p>17.45 Sightseeing buses leave from Carl Johans gate in front of the Downtown Law School</p>	
	<p>17:45–18:45 Plenary Lecture I: Keynote (Aula) Jonathan Moses, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology</p>		<p>17:45–19:30 Sightseeing by coach (Vigeland Sculpture Park and Viking Ship Museum)</p>	
	<p>19:30–21:00 Mayor's Welcoming Reception, Oslo City Hall (10-min. from the Aula)</p>	<p>19:30 - 21:00 Reception, the American Ambassador's Residence (buses leave from hotels at 19:00)</p>	<p>19:30 - 23:00 Cruise/Banquet on the Oslo Fjord: embarking near Viking ship museum & at Akershus-kaia near City Hall</p>	

*The Downtown University Campus with the Urbygning and Law School is located on the city's main street, Carl Johans gate, across from the National Theater, a 10-minute walk (or 3-minute subway ride to the "National Theater" stop) from Oslo Central Station. The Blindern Campus is a 7-minute subway ride from the Central Station (same lines - 3,4,5 - stop: "Blindern") Hotels are located downtown, a short walk from subway stations; a tram line (numbers 17 & 18) also serves the Blindern Campus (15-20 minutes from downtown; stop: "Universitetet Blindern").

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Condensed Program Overview

THURSDAY, May 8

at the Blindern Campus

09.00-18.00 EAAS Board Meeting

9-13: Rådssalen, Admin-bldg;

13-18: Seminar room 140, Harriet Holters hus

FRIDAY, May 9

at the Downtown Campus

09.00-13.00 - EAAS Board Meeting,
Urbygning, Carl Johans gate, Auditorium 5

10.00 - Registration desk opens
Vestibule of the Urbygning

12.00-14.00 Optional sightseeing walk
in downtown Oslo. Meet in front of the Law School

14.00-14.45 Meeting of workshop chairs
Urbygning, Vestibule of the Urbygning

15.00-16.30 EAAS General Meeting and ASN Book Prize Presentation,
University Aula

17.15-17.45 Conference Opening (Aula)

17.45-18.45 Plenary Lecture I, Keynote (Aula)
Jonathan Moses, Norwegian University of Science and Technology,
"From 'Pluribus' to 'Unum': Migration and the Voluntary Social Contract"
Chair: David C. Mauk

19.30-21.00 Mayor's Welcoming Reception,
Oslo City Hall

SATURDAY, May 10
at the Blindern Campus

08.00 - The information & late registration desk opens, lobby of Niels Treschows hus

09.00 - The publishers' exhibit opens, ground floor, P.A. Munchs hus in the hallway opening midway down the hall to the left of the entrance

09.00-10.00 Parallel Lectures

Jan Nordby Gretlund, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark
"Unifying Women and Diversifying Men? A Provocative Look at Today's Southern Fiction"
Chair: Marcel Arbeit; Sophus Bugges hus, Auditorium 1

Justine Tally, University of La Laguna, Tenerife, Spain
"African American Dilemmas in the National Debate"
Chair: Meldan Tanrisal; Sophus Bugges hus, Auditorium 2

Maria del Mar Vilar Garcia, University of Murcia, Spain
"One Flag, One Language? Multiple Perspectives on American Linguistic Identity"
Chair: Lehel Vadon; Sophus Bugges hus, Auditorium 3

10.00-10.30 Coffee Break

10.30-12.30 Workshops I (first sessions of the following): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

12.30-14.00 Lunch at Fredrikke (cafeteria building; see the Blindern campus map.)

If you are to attend a forum, use your special lunch ticket to come first in line.

Special Fora/Board Meetings:

Journal editors' Shoptalk

ASANOR board meeting

Women's Shoptalk

Publishers' exhibit open, ground floor, P.A. Munchs hus

14.00-15.00 Parallel lectures

Josef Jařab, University of Olomouc, Czech Republic
"Harlem Renaissance and the Jazz Age: One or Two Chapters in the History of American Modernism?"
Chair: Marc Chénétier
Sophus Bugges hus, Auditorium 1

Sabine Sielke, University of Bonn, Germany
"Screening the Nation: How Contemporary US-American Film Transforms the 'Mainstream' and Mourns Its Own Marginalization"
Chair: Daniele Fiorentino; Sophus Bugges hus, Auditorium 2

Robert Lewis, University of Birmingham, UK
"E Pluribus Plures: Racial Intermarriage and the American Dilemma"
Chair: Catherine Collomp ; Sophus Bugges hus, Auditorium 3

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-17.30 Workshops II

First sessions: 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 / Second sessions: 2, 3, 17

19.30-21.00 Reception, the American Ambassador's Residence

19.00 – buses leave from conference hotels.

SUNDAY, May 11
at the Blindern Campus

08.00 - The information desk opens, lobby of the Niels Treschows hus

09.00 - The publishers' exhibit opens, ground floor, P.A. Munchs hus

09.00-10.00 Plenary Lecture II, Sophus Lies Auditorium

Prof. Dr. Winfried Fluck, John F. Kennedy-Institut, Freie Universität Berlin
"The Romance with America: Approaching the United States Through Its Ideals"
Chair: Hans-Jürgen Grabbe

10.00-10.30 Coffee Break

10.30-12.30 Workshops III

Second sessions: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 24

12.30-14.30 Lunch at Fredrikke:

If you are to attend a forum, use your special lunch ticket to come first in line.

Special Fora/Board Meetings:

NAAS board meeting

Post-Graduate Students' Network

Chair: Dr. Silvia Schultermandl,
Department of American Studies; University of Graz

Publishers' exhibit open

14.30-16.30 Workshops IV

Second sessions: 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27

Third session: 24

16.30-17.30 To hotels: Prepare for sightseeing & cruise/banquet

17.45 Sightseeing buses leave from Carl Johans gate
(in front of the Downtown Law School)

17.45-19.30 Sightseeing by coach

19.30-23.00 Cruise/Banquet on the Oslo Fjord
(embarking near the Viking ship museum and at Akershus-kaia near City Hall)

MONDAY, May 12
at the Blindern Campus

08.00 - The information desk opens, lobby of the Niels Treschows hus

09.00 - The publishers' exhibit opens, ground floor, P.A. Munchs hus

09.00-10.00 Parallel Lectures

Gert Buelens, University of Ghent, Belgium
"Oneness through Rupture: On the Severances that Bind Americans"
Chair: Hans Bak
Sophus Bugges hus, Auditorium 1

Hélène Aji, University of Maine, Le Mans, France:
"E Pluribus Plures: 20th-Century American Poetry's Clusters"
Chair: Martin Heusser
Sophus Bugges hus, Auditorium 2

Bernd Herzogenrath, University of Cologne, Germany:
"Pluribus/Multitudes: A Materialist Approach to the American Body/Politic"
Chair: Reinhold Wagnleitner
Sophus Bugges hus, Auditorium 3

10.00-10.30 Coffee Break

10.30-12.00 Shoptalks and Special Fora

Historians' Shoptalk, chair: Serge Ricard, Université Paris 3–Sorbonne Nouvelle, France and Ole Moen, University of Oslo
P.A. Munchs hus, Seminar room 101

Literary Shoptalk, chair: Jacques Pothier, Université de Versailles/St. Quentin, France,
P.A. Munchs hus, Seminar room 102

Am. Studies Shoptalk, Martin Heusser, Englisches Seminar, Universitaet Zuerich
P.A. Munchs hus, Seminar room 103

Publishers' Exhibit open

12.00-13.00 Plenary Lecture III, Sophus Lies Auditorium

Joan Richardson, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, CUNY Graduate Center, The City University of New York:
"The Varieties of American Experience"
Chair: Marc Chénétier

13.15-13.45 Conference closing, Sophus Lies Auditorium

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Workshop 1

Nativism Revisited? Political Responses to Immigration in the United States

Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 101

Chair and Commentator:

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Catherine Lejeune, University of Paris 7 – Denis Diderot, France: Federal Court Rulings Versus Local and Federal Anti-Immigrant Measures

Štěpánka Korytová, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, Proposition 187 and the California Nativist Movement of the 1990s

Frédéric Douzet, University of Paris 8, France, The Minutemen and Anti-Immigration Sentiment in California

Benita Heiskanen, Assistant Professor Center for American Studies, University of Southern Denmark, A Day without Immigrants

Workshop 2

Staging the Nation: The Theater of American Identities

Chairs:

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Robert Vorlicky, New York University, USA

Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 102

Jochen Achilles, University of Würzburg, Germany, National and Ethnic Identity in African American Theater: Loftin Mitchell's and Alice Childress's Inter-medial Plays

Teresa Botelho, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal, Staging Japanese-American Historical Experience: The Theater of Philip Kan Gotanda

Zoe Detsi, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Staging National Identity and Working-Class Culture: Benjamin A. Baker's *A Glance at New York* (1848) and the American Urban Plays

Felicia Hardison Londré, University of Missouri, Kansas City, USA, Title to be announced.

Session 2: Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 102

Theresa Saxon, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK, Articulation, Declamation, Stagecraft: The Speechifying of America

Valérie Systemans, Université de La Réunion, Saint-Denis Messag, La Réunion, Theater as an Attempt to Erode the Consensus: Tennessee Williams' Plays during the Cold War

Robert Vorlicky, New York University, New York, USA, Staging Double Histories: Death and Dying in African American Theater and Performance

Ann Walsh, University College Cork, Ireland, Robert Lowell's Old Glory: 'E Pluribus Unum' or 'E Pluribus Bellum'

Workshop 3

The Uses and Abuses of Diversity: Historical, Political and Philosophical Analyses of an Evolving Concept and Diverse Practices of Diversity

Chair:

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 103

Pierre Guerlain, Université Paris 10 Nanterre, France,
Diversity, an Empty Concept?

Kevin R. McNamara, University of Houston, USA,
Diversity as Social Administration

Agnieszka M. Soltysik, University of Lausanne,
Switzerland, Universalism vs. Diversity in Contemporary American Culture

Tunde Adeleke, Iowa State University, USA, Rejecting *E Pluribus Unum*: Blacks & the Afrocentric Alternative

Session 2: Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 103

Helena Maragou, The American College of Greece, Athens, Greece, Center and Periphery in the Discourse of American Studies.

Anne Ollivier-Meillios, Université Paris 13, France, From Diversity to Multiculturalism: The Intellectual Debate in the 1990s

Erik Asard, University of Uppsala, Sweden, Uniformity, Not Diversity: The Stigmatization of the '1' Word in American Political Campaigns

Workshop 4

Primitivist Modernisms and Diasporic Americas

Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 104

Chairs:

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Christina Giorcelli, University of Rome 3, Rome, Italy,
Nella Larsen and Representations of African Americans

Stephanie Batiste, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA, Black American Primitivisms in 1930s Performance

Sara Wood, University of Birmingham, UK, African American Abstraction.

Daniel Stein, University of Göttingen, Germany, From Primitivist Modernism to Popular Cultural Primitivism: Louis Armstrong, Robert Goffin, and the Transatlantic Jazz Debate.

Kerstin Knopf, University of Greifswald, Germany, Sherman Alexie and PostIndian Cinema

Workshop 5

19th-Century American Literature and Art: Between Nation Building and Individuation

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 105

Ina Bergmann, University of Würzburg, Germany, A Peep at the Pilgrims: 19th-Century Historical Romance as National Literature?

Maria Holmgren-Troy, Karlstad University, Sweden, Children's Literature, Nation Building, and Dissent: The Case of Elizabeth Stoddard's *Lolly Dinks's Doings*

Magdalena Zapedowska, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland, Can Life be a Train of Moods? Women, Temper and Individuation in Louisa Alcott's *Moods and Little Men*

Gregory Tomso, University of West Florida, Pensacola, USA, From Lincoln to Sappho: Vinnie Ream's Sentimental America

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 105

Carmen Birkle, University of Mainz, Germany, Infecting the City upon a Hill: American Plague Narratives

Marta Miquel-Baldellou, University of Lleida, Spain, From Haunter to Haunted: Schizophrenic Instances of British Heritage in Edgar Allan Poe

Albena Bakratcheva, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria, You May Name It America, but It Is Not America: Place Sense in Transcendental New England

Joel Pfister, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, USA, The Industrial Revolution, the Interiority Revolution, and the Incentive Revolution

Workshop 6

Cities and Diversity in the American Novel

Chairs:

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 106

Hans Bak, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, Language, Identity and Politics in Multicultural New York: Chang-Rae Lee's Native Speaker (1995)

Nas Loes, University of the Western Cape, Bellville, Cape Town, South Africa, The City and the Alien: Dave Eggers's *What is the What* (2006) and Kiran Desai's *The Inheritance of Loss* (2006)

Monica Manolescu-Oancea, University of Strasbourg, France, Nabokov's Small-Town America

Ralph Poole, Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey, Exiled Intimacy in Transit: Elif Shafak's Metropolitan Novels

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 106

Katy Masuga, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, Henry Miller: Crossing Brooklyn Bridge

Sophie Vallas, Université de Provence – Aix-Marseille I, France, 'Isola' in Ed McBain's 87th Precinct Series

Sonia Baelo-Allué, University of Zaragoza, Spain: 9/11 and the Broken City, Jay McInerney's *The Good Life* (2006)

Workshop 7

E Pluribus Unum? The Jewish Example

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 107

Jamal Assadi, The College of Sakhnin for Teacher Education, Galilee, Israel, Acting and Pedagogy in Below's *The Bellarosa Connection*

Catherine Collomp, University of Paris 7 Denis-Diderot, France, The Frankfurt School of Sociologists' Report on 'Anti-Semitism in the American Working Class,' 1945-1949

Paule Levy, University of Versailles, St. Quentin-en-Yvelines, France, 'Inappropriateness is the Jewish Style': From Social Satire to Metafiction in Philip Roth's 'The Conversion of the Jews' and Grace Paley's 'The Loudest Voice'

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 107

Cheryl Alexander Malcolm, University of Gdansk, Poland, The Gay Jewish Novel

Dana Mihailescu, University of Bucharest, Romania, The Contingency of Double Identity: The East European in Early 20th-Century Jewish American Prose

Susan Winnett, University of Hamburg, Germany, Back to the Fold: Memoir, Conversion, and Community

Workshop 8

Ethnic Groups and US Foreign Policy since World War One: The Multicultural Search for the National Interest

Chairs:

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 109

Halina Parafianowicz, The University of Bialystok, Poland, Between Sentiments and Loyalty: Polish-Americans in US Policy after the First World War

David C. Mauk, University of Oslo, Norway, Look to Norway!: Propaganda Activities Aimed at Mobilizing Ethnic Group Loyalties on the Home Front and Aiding an Occupied Ally

Daniele Fiorentino, University of Macerata, Italy, True Americanism: The Experience of American Jews and the Creation of the State of Israel

Kevern Verney, Edge Hill University, Ormskirk, Lancashire, UK, The Retreat from Globalism: Walter White, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 1945-1948

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 109

Salah Oueslati, University of Poitiers, France, The Cuban American Lobby and US Foreign Policy (1982-1996): Dual Allegiance or Ethnic Manipulation?

Isabelle Vagnoux, Université de Provence – Aix-Marseille I, France, Washington-Havana: A Relationship Still Under Influence, 1996-2008

Sergey Kostyaev, Institute of US & Canadian Studies, Moscow, Russia, The Russian Lobby in the US

Workshop 9

Many Wests: Contemporary Literary Approaches to the American West

Chairs:

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 110

Christian Hummelsund Voie, University of Bergen, Norway, A New Story for the American West: Reinvention in Annie Proulx's *That Old Ace in the Hole*

Jeffrey Gray, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, USA, Frank Bidart and the West

Marlene Broemer, University of Helsinki, Finland, Guns, Gambling & Whiskey: Hunter S. Thompson as Postmodern Icon of the West

David Rio, University of the Basque Country, Spain, Western Regional Diversity in Contemporary Nevada Fiction

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 110

Eva-Sabine Zehelein, University of Frankfurt a.M., Germany, "A good deal about California does not, on

its own preferred terms, add up": Joan Didion's *Where I Was From*

Michael J. Prince, University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway, William S. Burroughs' Western Lands: The Mythology of the American West as Figure and Ground in *Naked Lunch* and *The Place of Dead Roads*

Aitor Ibarrola, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain, Degeografied America: Cormac McCarthy's Points of Departure and Destination in *The Road*

Dean Rader, University of San Francisco, USA, Contemporary American Indian Poetry: The Morning and Evening Redness in the West

Workshop 10

South or Souths? The American South and the Shaping of Its Singular or Plural Identity/ies

Chairs:

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 111

John Andreas Fuchs, University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany, Southern Nationalism and the Promise of Individual Rights and Freedom Reflected in History, Politics and Literature

David Goldfield, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC, USA, No Longer Black and White: Ethnicity in the American South

Valeria Gennaro Lerda, University of Genoa, Italy, Between the Individual and the Collective Spheres: Southern Women as Social Reformers in the Early 20th Century

Azize Özguven, Maltepe University, Istanbul, Turkey, In the Shadow of the Past: Faulkner's Characters in Search of Their Identity

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 111

Victoria Kennefick, University of Cork, Ireland, (Re)writing and (Re)imagining the South: A Transnational Approach to the Southern Story

Marcel Arbeit, University of Olomouc, Czech Republic, Contemporary Southern Writers Outside the South: Two Identities, or a Single One?

Michael Bibler, University of Manchester, UK, Fighting Conformity with Very Good Manners: Homophobia, Southern Hospitality, and the Lessons of Truman Capote's "The Thanksgiving Visitor"

Marie Liénard, Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France, Janisse Ray: Southern Identity/ies as Ecology

Susan Castillo, King's College, London, UK, George Washington Cable and the Gothic of the Caribbean South

Workshop 11

From 'English only' to 'English plus'? Linguistic Pluralism in Early and 19th-Century American Literature

Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 112

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Ronald Jenn, Charles de Gaulle University, Lille, France

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John A. Gallucci, Colgate University, USA, Translating the French-American Alliance in the Federalist Era: from Castorland to Crèvecoeur

Wayne Franklin, University of Connecticut, USA, Fenimore Cooper, an American Novelist in Paris

Michael G. Boyden, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, Singing *Hail, Columbia* in Two Languages: Carl Schurz's Sequential Bilingualism

Workshop 12

What Canonical Fiction? Realism and Its Discontents

Chairs:

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 113

Maria Giovanna Fusco, University of Naples – L'Orientale and University of Trieste, Italy, "I have been taken to spots supposed to be alive with local color": French Realism in Chopin's Louisiana

Donatella Izzo, University of Naples – L'Orientale, Italy, More Lessons from the Master: Henry James and the Literary Field

María Dolores Narbona Carrión, University of Málaga, Spain, 'E Pluribus Plura': 19th-Century Women Writers' Diversity and Diversion from Realism as Portrayed in Their (Non-Canonical?) Gothic Literary Works

Carolina Núñez Puente, University of La Coruña, Spain, Diversity and its Discontents: Bakhtin, the USA and Its Literature Today

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 113

Maria Pirgerou, University of Athens, Greece, Victorian Bachelors: A Case of Unrepresentability in Nineteenth-Century Realist Fiction

Theodora Tsimpouki, University of Athens, Greece, Narrative Visuality and Its Interventions in Realist Textual Space

Sarah A. Wadsworth, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, USA, Refusing to Write Like Henry James: Women Reforming Realism in Fin-de-Siècle America

Greg W. Zacharias, Creighton University, Omaha, USA, Henry James's Borrowing from Popular Fiction: unum e pluribus

Workshop 13

The Influence of Chinese and Japanese Poetry on American Imagism and Objectivism

Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 108

Chairs:

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Elisabetta Marino, University of Rome – Tor Vergata, Italy, Amy Lowell and Imagism: Pictures from the Floating World

Fiona McMahon, Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, France, A Tradition of Witnessing: The Path from

Haiku to Objectivism

Deborah Jenner, École du Louvre, Paris, France, Visual Haiku in the Art of Georgia O'Keeffe

Julia Fiedorczuk, University of Warsaw, Poland, Radical East: The Politics of the Image

Workshop 14

Organized by the European Confederation of Upper Rhine Universities (EUCOR)

'E Pluribus Plura': Second Generation American Immigrants, Nationality and American Culture(s)

Chairs:

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 115

Rüdiger Heinze, University of Freiburg, Germany, Changing Concepts of Integration, Acculturation and Cultural Identity in 20th-Century American Immigration History

Maria Roth-Lauret, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, Immigrants Old-Style and New: Theresa Hak Kyung Cha and Bharati Mukherjee

Aristi Trendel, University of Montpellier, France, Identities in Jeffrey Eugenides's *Middlesex*

Hubertus Zander, Institute for Economic Studies Europe, Insider / Outsider Narratives of Second Generation Jews in North America – Philip Roth's and Mordecai Richler's Stories of Angry Old Jews

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 115

Carmen Arzua, Universidad Complutense, Madrid, Spain, North and South of the Border: Defining a New American Identity in the Auto/biographic Writing of Sandra Cisneros

Sämi Ludwig, Université de Haute Alsace, Mulhouse, France, Cynicism in Paradise? Gary Schteyngart's American Debut

Claudia Neudecker, University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany, Chang-rae Lee's *Aloft* (2004) – Postethnic?

Workshop 15

"Indianness," Tribalism, and the Nation State

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Session 1: Saturday, May 11, 15.30-17.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 114

Maria Laura Arce, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain, Coyote Springs' White Shadows: Confrontation and Coexistence of White and Indian Worlds in Sherman Alexie's *Reservation Blues*

Richard Kania, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL, USA, and Lyuba Pervushina, Minsk State Linguistics University, Minsk, Republic of Belarus: Tony Hillerman's Navajo Country Novels – American-Indian Ethnicity and Modern American Criminal Justice

Stephanie Pratt, University of Plymouth, Plymouth, Devon, UK, Imaging 'Indianness' in McKenney and Hall's *History of the Indian Tribes of North America*

Chad Hamill, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, USA, Spiritual Symbiosis: The Jesuit, the Medicine Man, and the Power of Song

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 10.30-12.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 114

Suzanne Berthier-Foglar, University of Grenoble, France, Santa Ana Pueblo, An American Enterprise?

Anne Marie Liberio, University of Paris 4 Sorbonne, France, The Choctaw and Cherokee Constitutions, the ABCFM, and the Pre-removal Debates, 1800s-1820s

Sylvia Hilton, Complutense University, Madrid, Spain, Empires and Nations in the Mississippi Valley, 1763-1803: Spanish Indian Policies and Native American Responses

Alexandra Hubackova, Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic, Plastic Shamans or Whose Story is It?

Workshop 16

Expounding the Constitution: Fulfilling the Founding Fathers' Ideal: E Pluribus Unum?

Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

Sophus Bugges hus Sem. Rm. 9

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James C. Smith, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA, Property Rhetoric, The Shifting Protection of Private Property since the Warren Court

Malie Montagutelli, University of Paris 3, France, The Court on Equal Opportunity at School

Moktar Ben Barka, University of Valenciennes, France, The Christian Nation Debate and the US Supreme Court

Mehmet K. Konar-Steenberg, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN, USA, One People or One Market? Liberals, Conservatives, and Shifting Justifications for the Dormant Commerce Clause Doctrine

Workshop 17

Nationhood and the Deployment of Sexuality: The Social Divisiveness of Sexual Diversity

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 10.30-12.30

Niels Treschows hus Sem. Rm. 810

Lisa Merrill, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, USA, 19th-Century Queer Americans: Backstage and in the Trenches in the Civil War

Marguerite Nguyen, University of California, Berkeley, USA, American Postmoral Melodrama, Sexuality, American Nationhood, and Harry Hervey's Early 20th-Century Vietnams

Mihaela Precup, University of Bucharest, Romania, From Binky Brown to Fun Home: (Counter)Narratives of Gender and Sexuality in the American Graphic Memoir

Robert Freedman, Independent Scholar, UK, 'The only politically protected disease in the world': The Challenge of AIDS to Conceptions of American Nationhood, 1979-89

Session 2: Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

Niels Treschows hus Sem. Rm. 810

Roman Trušník, Tomáš Bata University, Zlín, Czech Republic, Coming Out in America as Portrayed by Coming Out Anthologies

Maite Escudero, University of Zaragoza, Spain, Questioning (Hetero)Normative Bodies: Parody, Homage, and the Resignification of American Masculinities

Alison Kelly, University of Reading & Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, UK, Deviance and Excommunication in the Fiction of Jenefer Shute

Tomasz Basiuk, University of Warsaw, Poland, Samuel R. Delany's Challenge to Identity Politics

Workshop 18

(B)ordering Unity: The Border as a Paradigm of Diversity

Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

Sophus Bugges hus Sem. Rm. 9

Chairs:

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Stanislav Kolář, University of Ostrava, Czech Republic The Walls of Division in Alejandro Morales' *Rag Doll Plagues*

Tom Idema, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, Bordering Mestiza, Nomadic, and Posthuman Subjectivity

Laurence Gervais-Linon, University of Paris 8, France, Gated Communities and Common Interest Housing Developments (CIDs) as Artefacts of Mediation between 'Unum' and 'Plura'

Workshop 19

Arab and Muslim Citizens in the US: Not Quite Americans?

Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

P. A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 104

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Lofti Bennour, University of Technology of Belfort-Montbéliard, France, *he Crisis of the Muslim and Arab-American Communities in the Wake of 9/11*

Robert McKeever, London Metropolitan University, UK, *The Impact of the War on Terror on Civil Liberties in the United States: A Comparison on the Internment of Japanese Americans during WWII and the Guantanamo Bay Detainees Today*

Ulla Kriebner, University of Graz, Austria, "Hey, come on, we're all Americans here!" *The Representation of Muslim-American Identity in John Updike's Terrorist (2006)*

Ines Karoui, Madrid, Spain, *The Shadows of 9/11 as Explored in the Arab American Narrative of Diana Abu-Jaber and Laila Halaby*

Workshop 20

Popular Pluralisms: Negotiating American Identity in Recent Popular Culture

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 112

Astrid Böger, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, Introduction: Popular Pluralisms.

Anita Ogurlu, University of Istanbul, Turkey, *Paradise on Earth: The Casino Culture.*

Paul Lewis, Boston College, USA, *Cracking UPdate: Unifying and Divisive Humor in the United States, 2006-2008.*

Melinda Russell, Carleton College Northfield, MN, USA, *Not Singing from the Same Page: National (Dis)unity and American Song.*

Nicole Schröder, University of Paderborn, Germany, *Narratives of American Identity: Hollywood Movies after 9/11*
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Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 14.30-16.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 112

Tomáš Pospíšil, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, *American Identity? What Is It? Paul Haggis'*

Crash and the Crisis of the American Multicultural Experience

Mónica Calvo, University of Zaragoza, Spain, *Americanness between the Flag, the Catwalk, and the Grenade: The American Nightmare?*

Philippe Murillo, University of Toulouse, France *The Oprah Show and Popular Metaphysics: A Shaping Pluralism for the US?*

Jaroslav Kušnír, University of Prešov, Slovakia, *Popular Pluralism and American Identity in Michael Cunningham's Specimen Days*

Workshop 21

E Pluribus Unum in Wartime

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Session 1: Saturday, May 11, 15.30-17.30

Niels Treschows hus Sem. Rm. 706

Jude Davies, University of Winchester, UK, 'American Idealism and German Frightfulness': *Conflicting Responsibilities in Theodore Dreiser's Anti-war Activism, 1917 and 1940-41*

Matthew Guillen, University of Paris 12, France, *The 1917 Espionage Acts and Judicial 'Minority Report' Opinions*

Charles Kupfer, Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg, USA, *Calliope Meets Ares: American Authors and the 1940 Blitzkrieg*

George Blaustein, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA, *American Literature and the Heart of Europe: F.O. Matthiessen and Alfred Kazin after World War II*

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 14.30-16.30

Niels Treschows hus Sem. Rm. 706

Jenel Virden, University of Hull, UK, *Just Wars, Unjust Wars, and the Other*

Walter Hölbling, University of Graz, Austria, *Dissident Heroes: Clint Eastwood's The Flags of Our Fathers and Letters from Iwo Jima*

Anna Bendrat, Maria Curie Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland, “There is sin and evil in the world” – The Representation of the Enemy in Presidential Speeches: Ronald Reagan’s ‘Evil Empire’ and George W. Bush’s “Axis of Evil”

Jaap Kooijman, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, The Americans We Never Were: Anti-Americanism and Pop Culture in the Post 9/11 Era

Workshop 22

Pluribus Unum or Pluribus Plura? Europeans Represent the United States on Screen

Chairs:

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 105

Ian Scott, University of Manchester, UK. “Don’t be Frightened ... this is Hollywood”: British Writer/Directors in Early American Cinema

Alan Bilton, University of Swansea, UK, Sunrise, America and the Other Side

Hilaria Loyo, University of Zaragoza, Spain, Stars and National Myths in Cold War Allegories: Marlene Dietrich’s Star Persona and the Western in Fritz Lang’s *Rancho Notorious*

Gilles Menegaldo, University of Poitiers, France, The Cinema of Jacques Tourneur: Revisiting Hollywood Genres in the Light of European Culture

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 14.230-16.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 105

Jeffrey L. Meikle, University of Texas, Austin, USA, Transatlantic Refractions: Ambivalence and Cultural Hybridity in the Euro-American Road Movie

Irina Novikova, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, America and Its Black Men in Soviet/Post-Soviet Cinema

David Roche, University of Dijon, France, Looking for Coherence among the Representations of America in Emir Kusturica’s *Arizona Dream*

Frank Mehring, Free University of Berlin, Germany, From Independence Day to Land of Plenty: Screening

American Patriotism from a German Émigré Perspective Before and After 9/11

Workshop 23

The Myth of Americanization or the Divided Heart: Views from Inside and Out

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 106

John F. Moe, Ohio State University, Columbus, USA, The Myth of Americanization

Teresa F. A. Alves, University of Lisbon, Portugal, Bridging Cultures: Translation as Trope and Portuguese American Ethnicity

Jørn Brøndal, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark, What is an American? Danish Travel Writers Report Home about ‘the Americans’ in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries

Thomas Clark, University of Kassel, Germany, To Americanize America: Randolph Bourne’s Vision of National Greatness through Diversity

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 14.30-16.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 106

Thomas Austenfeld, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, Four Visions of America: Beyond the Unum

Rodica Mihăilă, University of Bucharest, Romania, Challenging the American Multicultural Society: The Ethical Imperative and the Muslim ‘Other’ in the Post-9/11 American Novel

Ann L. Patten, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, How Many of You Are There? Immigration and Nativist Concerns in the Ghost Stories of Edith Wharton

Will Kaufman, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK, ‘Power in a Union’: Joe Hill’s Wobbly Songs

Workshop 24

US Icons

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Session 1 - Theory and Case Studies: Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

Sophus Bugges hus Sem. Rm. 2

Klaus Rieser, University of Graz, Austria, Theoretical Considerations Regarding Iconology

Bent Sørensen, Aalborg University, Denmark, Icons of Transgression

Jean Kempf, University of Lyon, France, Icons as *loci memoriae*

Ingrid Gessner, University Regensburg, Germany, Guarding the Nation's Icons: The National Park Service as Steward of U.S. History?

Session 2: History and Case Studies: Sunday, May 11, 10.30-12.30

Sophus Bugges hus Sem. Rm. 2

David Monod, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada, The Blues Musician as American Icon: An Historical Introduction

Katherine Hoffman, St. Anselm College, USA, Dorothea Lange's *Migrant Mother*: Posed, Exposed, Recomposed, and Reconsidered

Virginia Luzón-Aguado, University of Zaragoza, Spain, The Man in the Fedora Hat: Harrison Ford and the (New) Frontier Myth

Session 3 - "The Flag": Sunday, May 11, 14.30-16.30

Sophus Bugges hus Sem. Rm. 2

Eliane Elmaleh, the University of Le Mans, France, African American Artists and the American Flag: Unity, Diversity and Protest

Louis Kern, Hofstra University, USA, Excess of Forced Patriotism: Flag Desecration, the First Amendment, and Contested Identity

Kay Koppedrayner, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada, Vietnam Veterans, American Flags and Lakota Sundances

Workshop 25

Nature Representation and the Geo-Environmental Development of the USA

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Session 1 Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 107

Steven Hartman, Växjö University, Sweden, A Lifelong Critique of American Rootlessness: The Centerpiece of Wallace Stegner's Literary Environmentalism

Erik Kielland-Lund, University of Oslo, Norway, The Subversion of Nature in Don DeLillo's *Underworld*

Fredrik Brøgger, University of Tromsø, Norway, The Equation of Wild(er)ness with Freedom in American Nature Writing

Ronald A. Bosco, State University of New York at Albany, USA, Emerson's Theory of and Practice in the (Un)Natural World

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 14.30-16.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 107

Eric Sandeen, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, USA, Ruin Nation: Picturing Nature in the American Metropolis

Torben Larsen, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark, Racializing the Middle Landscape: The Case of Norris, Tennessee

Ekaterina Stetsenko, Gorky Institute of World Literature, Moscow, Russia, Ecological Consciousness In the Contemporary American Novel

David Nye, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark, Is There a Postmodern Sublime Landscape?

Workshop 26

Multicultural Autobiography: Cultural 'Plura' in American Self-Writing

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Session 1: Saturday May 10, 15.30-17.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 109

Elvira Osipova, St. Petersburg State University, Rus-

sia, *The Russian Strand in American Culture in the Autobiographical Works of Ayn Rand, Vladimir Nabokov, and Joseph Brodsky*

Ioana Luca, University of Bucharest, Hungary, Andrei Codrescu: *An Involuntary Genius in America's Shoes*

Camelia Elias, University of Roskilde, Denmark, Sesame Undone: *Negotiations of Virtual Space in Federman's Blog [the laugh that laughs at the laugh...]*

Tanfer Emin Tunç, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey, *The Poetics of 'E Pluribus Plura': Women and the National Body in the Post-Confessional Poetry of Lucille Clifton*

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 14.30-16.30
P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 109

Rocío G. Davis, University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, *Cultural Memory and Plural Configurations of Auto/biography in Asian American Family Memoirs: May-lee and Winberg Chai's The Girl from Purple Mountain and Mira Kamdar's Motiba's Tattoos*

Vincent Broqua, University of Paris 12, France, *Multiplying the Selves: Cha and Waldrop's Autobiographies*

Nicoleta Alexoae Zagni, University of Paris 7, France, *The 'Multiple Immigrant', Roots and Routes. A Reading of Shirley Geok-lin Lim's Among the White Moon Faces: An Asian-American Memoir of Homelands*

Silvia Schiltermandl, University of Graz, Austria, *'I am neither the end of the world/not the beginning': The Recovery of the Personal as Political in Lisa Suhair Majaj's Self-Writing*

Workshop 27

Passing Blackness-es

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Session 1: Saturday, May 10, 15.30-17.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 110

Andrée-Nicola McLaughlin, Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York, USA, *Multiple*

Consciousness and Competing Aims in Harlem Renaissance Novelist Nella Larsen's Passing

Željka Švrljuga, University of Bergen, Norway, *The President's Daughter: Mama's Baby, Papa's Maybe?*

Richard Hardack, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, USA, *The Tragic Immigrant: Recognition Scenes and the Discovery of Blackness in Mark Twain and James Weldon Johnson*

Mathilde Roza, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, *To Pass or Not to Pass: Edward Jones's The Known World*

Session 2: Sunday, May 11, 14.30-16.30

P.A. Munchs hus Sem. Rm. 109

Gülriiz Büken, Bilkent University, Turkey, *Rebels and Renegades, African American Artists (Re-)presentation of Racism and Reaction to Commodification of African Culture*

Kali Tal, Independent Scholar, Germany, *The Skin We're In: African-American Stereotypes and the Second Life Virtual Environment*

Selena Sesnic, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Zagreb, Croatia, *Dangerous Rites of Passing: Staging Oneself in Multicultural America*

Yuliya Kozyrakis, University of Hannover, Germany, *Seeing Race: Explorations of Passing in Contemporary US Fiction.*

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<http://www.visitoslo.com/>

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<http://www.visitoslo.com/no/kart.49113.no.html/>

Travelling to Oslo:

<http://www.visitoslo.com/en/transport.77555.en.html/>

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1 krone = ca. 0.12 €

1 US \$ = ca. 5 kroner

1 krone = 0.2 US \$

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Single ticket, adult: 22 NOK. Free transfer/return within 1 hour

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(Tickets bought from driver : this may be the simplest thing)

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Tram: Routes 17 and 18 go to the “Universitetet Blindern” stop in 15 minutes and bring you just beside the main buildings for the EAAS conference ven-

ues for Saturday through Monday, May 10-12, at the Blindern campus of the University.

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<http://www.tripadvisor.com/SmartDeals-g190479-Oslo-Hotel-Deals.html/>

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My PhD research focuses on contemporary street gang memoirs which have been variously demonised in the media as violent and sensationalist or, by contrast, praised as offering a pedagogic and preventative anti-gang stance. I will be exploring these contradictions both within the memoirs and in their reception, concentrating on three principal authors: Stanley “Tookie” Williams, Sanyika Shakur aka “Monster”, and Luis J Rodriguez. The EAAS travel award allowed me the opportunity to spend a month in Los Angeles in January 2007, in libraries, literally on the streets, and interviewing a wide range of sources.

To develop my interdisciplinary argument, I will not only be conducting close textual readings of the three texts, but moreover analysing their press reception. I therefore spent much time using LexisNexis at UCLA’s libraries, slowly working my way through the book reviews and media materials, expanding on previous reception work I had conducted. Perceived by many to be the “gang capital” of the US, it comes as no surprise that LA’s libraries (UCLA, USC and public libraries) have an extensive collection of gang-related texts, many of which have proven difficult to access in the UK. I therefore used the valuable opportunity to read such texts, considerably strengthening my thesis’ bibliography.

Through selective interviews, I began to trace actual responses by situated readers in order to test out the points of identification opened up by these memoirs. To reinforce this ethnographic element of my study, I spent time at two different high schools in lower socio-economic areas of LA (monitored by the LA Unified School District by how many students receive free school lunches), and spoke with teachers, librarians and students themselves. The majority of adults that I interviewed, felt strongly that it was better for students to read/discuss these controversial texts, than it was not to read/engage at all. Interestingly, Luis J Rodriguez’s text is the firm favourite; his book has apparently earned the award of being the most stolen book in LA’s library system. This trip permitted me the priceless chance to actually ask students in person why they thought this might be so. At one of the schools I was actually allowed to lead several classes, conduct-

ing focus groups on paragraphs of text I had selected from the three autobiographies.

Whilst the trip offered many fascinating and diverse angles of attitude towards these texts, I wish to highlight two particular interviews that proved to be extremely helpful. Firstly, unbeknownst to many there is a vast body of academic work that is available on American street gangs (commencing with Frederick Thrasher’s renowned study from Chicago at the turn of the century). I was fortunate to meet with Professor Malcolm Klein, formerly of USC, who has made a huge contribution to gang studies over a 40-year career. Indeed, several of his texts have been seen to form the backbone to academic studies of gangs. We had a lively discussion not merely about contemporary gang academics, but more importantly about the negative implications that such gang memoirs might carry if they were to be used in schools. Certainly, Klein’s perspective provides a fascinating contrast with the general outlook of those working at schools themselves. Such divergent approaches will form the core of my audience reception work.

Secondly, I was very fortunate to meet with the author, Luis J Rodriguez, himself. Of the three texts, Rodriguez’s *Always Running* was clearly the most well-known and most-well read amongst LA’s school students. It was therefore particularly apt that we could discuss his popularity and possible reasons for his book’s longevity in comparison with the other two. I am most obliged to Rodriguez for sacrificing his precious time to meet with me. I was sorry not to have been able to meet with Barbara Becnel Cottman, the co-author of Williams’ texts, but we have commenced an online interview. Regardless, I have gathered some valuable and fascinating materials for my research. I would like to take this opportunity to thank EAAS for awarding me this grant; I am sincerely grateful to them for making this trip possible.

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The National Theater in Oslo (Photograph by MH)

CALLS FOR PAPERS

July 7-10, 2008

Transatlantic Studies Association Annual Conference

West Park Conference Centre, Dundee University, Scotland, UK

Plenaries:

- Serge Ricard (University of Paris III): “Theodore Roosevelt: Imperialist or Global Strategist in the New Expansionist Age?”
- Bruce Jentleson (Duke University): “The Atlantic Alliance in a Post-American World”
- Kathleen Burk (University College London), tba

We welcome proposals by individuals, full panels of three speakers or a series of related panels focusing on a particular theme or topic. Please direct any initial questions to Alan Dobson (a.p.dobson@dundee.ac.uk) or the relevant panel co-ordinator. We would welcome early submission of proposals and panels.

We would also like to invite proposals for well-structured inter-disciplinary Roundtables on particular events, themes, regions/countries amongst other ideas.

Panels:

1. History, Diplomacy, Security Studies and International Relations:

David Ryan (david.ryan@ucc.ie) and Alan Dobson (a.p.dobson@dundee.ac.uk)

2. Literature/Culture:

Chuck Gannon (cgannon@sbu.edu)

3. Economics:

Joe McKinney (joe_mckinney@baylor.edu), Fiona Venn (vennf@essex.ac.uk) and Jeffrey Engel (jengel@bushschool.tamu.edu)

4. Planning Regeneration and the Environment:

Anthony Jackson (a.a.jackson@dundee.ac.uk)

5. Race, Migration

Alan Dobson (a.p.dobson@dundee.ac.uk)

Proposals in a 300 word abstract and brief CV should be submitted to panel leaders or to Alan Dobson (a.p.dobson@dundee.ac.uk) by May 1, 2008.

September 27-30, 2008

Transatlantic Encounters: American Studies in the 21st Century

Łódź, Poland

The conference is organized in celebration of the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of American Studies and Mass Media at the University of Łódź. The conference will offer a forum for discussing issues related to American Studies as seen from the perspective of transatlantic and interdisciplinary research.

We invite proposals from individual scholars as well as groups of three to five presenters on topics including, but not limited to:

- media and society: film, radio, TV, the press, and the new media
- approaches to and representations of multiculturalism
- globalization, regionalization, political leadership
- military and intellectual responses to terrorism
- national identity, migration, and representation
- popular culture and its national and international contexts
- interdisciplinary American Studies/Transatlantic Studies pedagogy

Key-note speakers:

Emory Elliot (University of California, Riverside)

Alfred Hornung (University of Mainz)

Zbigniew Lewicki (Warsaw University)

Deadline for the submission of title and abstract of 200-250 words and proposals for panels (350 words, including names of presenters and titles of their presentations) is May 15, 2008.

Please submit abstracts electronically or by mail to the following address:

TRANS 2008, Department of American Studies and Mass Media, University of Łódź, Składowa 41/43, 90-127 Łódź, Poland

E-mail address: trans2008@uni.lodz.pl

A selection of papers will be published by Peter Lang Publishers (Germany) in “American Studies and Media” Series. General Editors: Elzbieta H. Oleksy and Wieslaw Oleksy.

October 8-10, 2008

**33rd Annual American Studies Conference
Adapting America/America Adapted**

Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

This conference seeks to define a new agenda for adaptation studies, specifically, as a branch of American Studies that not only encompasses literature and visual media, but also a wide-range of subject areas including, but not limited to, history, anthropology, political science, philosophy, sociology, the performing arts, and cultural/ethnic studies. By looking at adaptation specifically in relation to the United States, we seek to investigate a variety of culturally and historically transformative strategies. We also seek to examine how the process of adaptation has been influenced by social, ideological and political factors both inside and outside the United States.

While, traditionally, adaptation refers to the transformation of literary texts into different forms of media (e.g., films and television programs), the concept of adaptation can also be applied to other disciplines. Historians engage in process of negotiating or “adapting” various histories, or dialogues, when they tell the story of a nation; politicians adapt/adopt different philosophies, at different times, to suit their particular interests; and artists and musicians adapt/adopt a broad range of cultural signifiers when creating new works, conventions, and/or trends.

The American Studies Association of Turkey invites proposals that consider adaptation, broadly conceived. We particularly encourage proposals which incorporate transdisciplinary explorations of adaptation, and welcome proposals from any field of study. Possible themes include, but are not limited to:

- Processes/purposes of adaptation
- Adaptation and its motives (e.g., intentionality)
- Adapting history for political reasons/historical reinvention
- Popular history: creation and reception
- Foreign policy and adaptation
- Audience and adaptation
- Trans or intercultural adaptation
- Cultural outcomes/products of adaptation (hybridity, creolization, metissage, mestizaje)
- Racial adaptation (“passing”)

- Musical adaptation (e.g., sampling in rap music)
- Artistic adaptation
- Cross-cultural adaptation (e.g., African elements in American Jazz/Blues)
- Lingual adaptation (e.g., ebonics)
- Transformation/transmutation of ideas
- (Re)creation/simulacra
- Mimicry, authenticity, and adaptation
- Forced adaptation (e.g., colonization, imperialism)
- Americanization, assimilation, acculturation
- Indigenous adaptation
- Identity and adaptation
- The appeal/limits of adaptation
- Sex/gender adaptation (e.g., transvestitism, berdachism)
- Conscious adaptation (e.g., metafiction)
- Self-writing (e.g., transforming personal experiences into literature)
- Biopics
- Pastiche/parodies/satire
- Literature/film adaptation
- Video/board games and popular songs based on classic films and/or literary texts
- Architectural adaptation
- Semiotics of adaptation
- Psychological/emotional adaptation
- Pedagogical applications of adaptation

The time allowance for all presentations is 20 minutes. An additional 10 minutes will be provided for discussion.

Proposals for papers, panels, performances, exhibits, and other modes of creative expression should be sent to both Louis Mazzari (louis_mazzari@hotmail.com) and Tanfer Emin Tunc (asat2007@gmail.com) and should consist of a 250 - 300 word abstract in English, as well as a 1-2 paragraph biographical description for each participant.

- Deadline for submission of proposals: May 31, 2008
- Notification for acceptance of proposals: August 15, 2008

Co-sponsored by the Embassy of the United States and the Literature Film Association

October 22-24, 2008

Polish Association for American Studies

2008 Annual Conference

The Past and the Present: The American Uses of History

American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Poland

The topic of the conference is representation of the past in the United States and the British colonies, both of American history and the histories of other countries, regions, and ethnic or other groups, written, staged or filmed in the USA.

The papers presented may focus on different discourses – historiography, literature, art, theater, and film – as well as, possibly, their interactions. The suggested areas of interest include:

- colonial and US historiography; its theory and history
- ideological issues related to representations of the past
- American exceptionalism and millenarism in historiography
- representations of history in American literature of different periods
- American histories of the other from William Prescott to the present times
- US representations of the Holocaust race and gender in historical representation
- history in the cinema from “The Birth of Nation” to “There Will be Blood”
- history, memory, and forgetting in American culture
- historical returns of the repressed

Please mail proposals (title plus a 300 word abstract) by July 31, 2008 to marek@amu.edu.pl

Conference fee is 500 PLN (ca. \$230).

Information on accommodation options will be offered in due time.

The CFP is also posted on the PAAS website - <http://paas.org.pl>

October 24, 2008

Postgraduate Conference

Authenticity

English Department, University of Berne, Switzerland

Deemed a central concern of modernity by various philosophers such as Theodor W. Adorno and Charles Taylor, authenticity has been approached and challenged from various angles: within moral and ethical discourses, as an empirical and aesthetic concept, or from an anthropological perspective. Authenticity – generally referring to truthfulness or genuineness of subjects and objects – is usually contrasted with falsity, fakery, or artificiality; or, as in existentialist philosophy, with inauthenticity (Martin Heidegger). While, in

this context, authenticity points to the conscious self, self-making, autonomy, and to being responsible for one’s own actions, inauthenticity, by contrast, is connected with playing a role, with a lack of commitment, and with the self becoming absorbed by the world around.

In modern times, a feeling of a loss of authenticity seems to prevail, resulting in a search for authenticity (and meaning) and a demand for ‘the real’ that is becoming increasingly serious. Following 9/11, for example, a desire to (re-)turn to the real (Hal Foster) seems to have re-awakened in the US as a reactionary tendency (e.g. neo-realism or a renewed interest in things, matter, and representation). The search for authenticity – often connected with a search for identity – also manifests itself in developments or events such as ‘authentic tourism’, where travelers seek the ‘realness’ of the places they visit, or ‘historical reenactments’, where past events are reconstructed in the name of an authentic experience. Quite obviously, the search for authenticity often has to do with nostalgia – for a lost past or a (seemingly) lost originality. Furthermore, considering the mainstream, so-called reality-television shows, the production of cover versions of songs or remakes of films, or any instances of commercialization (of arts, subcultures, etc.), the question of what is ‘authentic’ or ‘original’ and what is ‘fake’ or a ‘copy’ probably poses itself today more than ever.

The aim of this day conference – which is meant to serve as a forum for academic exchange among, primarily, doctoral and postdoctoral researchers – is to amalgamate different approaches to the subject of authenticity. We therefore invite contributions from scholars working in different areas and periods of literary and cultural studies which may address topics related to authenticity such as:

- Myths of origin and nostalgia
- Representation of history
- Race and hybridity
- National, cultural, individual identity
- (In-)authenticity and stardom
- Theatricality, performativity
- Authorship (provenance, identity, and authentication)
- Theories of postmodernity and postmodernism
- Originality, simulation, adaptation, reproduction, copies, fakes
- (False) memory, autobiography
- Intermediality and mediality
- (In-)authenticity, commercialization, and mainstream

Please send abstracts of not more than 300 words and a brief CV by 31 May 2008 to authenticity@ens.unibe.ch. Further information will be made available on the department's website, <http://www.ens.unibe.ch/>, soon. The conference is supported by the Berner Mittelbauvereinigung, MVUB.

Bern, 13 February 2008
The Organizing Committee

October 24-26, 2008
Austrian Association for American Studies (AAAS)
35th International Annual Conference
Almighty Dollar
Velden am Wörthersee, Austria
<http://www.univie.ac.at/Anglistik/aaas/>

The dollar, Washington Irving wrote in 1837 at the height of a financial panic, is "daily becoming more and more an object of worship." This saying is a useful reminder that the national monetary icon has never been simply an economic issue; it has also always been a cultural issue.

We therefore invite proposals for papers that consider people's engagements with the "Almighty Dollar," from the most ordinary, mundane daily practices to the most extra-ordinary, life-changing ones. Since such engagements can be found in literature, the arts, film, and popular culture, the possibility of topics is wide open, so long as they connect to the meanings of and the increasingly thin line between the dollar and the people who make, use, and consume it.

We look forward, then, to proposals from a wide variety of disciplines including, but not limited to, culture studies, literature, history and art history, political science and sociology, economics, communication studies, popular culture studies, folklore, anthropology, gender studies, and race studies. We encourage and wish to present a multiplicity of theoretical frames and methodologies that grapple with questions concerning the cultural work of the national monetary icon. A selection of papers will appear in a conference volume, to be published by LIT-Verlag as part of the American Studies in Austria series.

Please send your 250-300 word proposal and a 100 word biographical statement as a Word document to Eleonore Wildburger at Eleonore.Wildburger@uniklu.ac.at, by May 1, 2008.

At present, our confirmed keynote speakers are: Eva Boesenberg (American Studies, Humboldt-University, Berlin); Gerda Elisabeth Moser (German Studies, University of Klagenfurt); Marc Shell (Comparative Literature, Harvard University).

The conference, while hosted by Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, will meet in Velden am Wörthersee, with the "Casineum" as the main venue. Velden am Wörthersee is one of Austria's premier relaxation and bathing resorts and famous for architectural marvels such as the Baumgartner Villas in the "Wörthersee architecture" style, and the renaissance Velden Palace built in 1590. The Palace, the Promenade, and the Casino invariably have been used as film settings. Velden am Wörthersee is located in the southern part of Austria, between Klagenfurt, the capital of the state of Carinthia and home to Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, and Villach, a major junction city and the gateway to Europe's south and southeast.

Heinz Tschachler
President

Eleonore Wildburger
Secretary

October 30-November 1, 2008
John F. Kennedy-Institute for North American Studies
Transcultural Spaces: Challenges of Urbanity, Ecology, and the Environment in the New Millennium
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Modern cities represent transcultural spaces in which the confrontations of urbanity, ecology, and the environment emerge most visibly. Tensions between the creative and destructive aspects of global cities reverberate throughout the humanities. Transcultural Spaces is an interdisciplinary symposium which will seek to explore the effects of the "ecological turn" on academic debates regarding urbanity and digitalization. The conference is meant to offer a platform for discussions on the intricate interrelationship of urbanity and ecology in American culture, including (re) negotiations of city and nature in art, literature, film, music, architecture, and the digital media. We will investigate both the appearances of "city" and "nature" as opposites in corporate cultural hegemony as well as the modes of amalgamation and hybridization by which city and nature are constituted as complementary figures. Our main focus aims at the question what

kind of contributions literary and cinematic fiction, the visual arts, and other discourses in the U.S. have made to participate in a dialogue concerning environmental and technological issues. How are we, as scholars of American studies, to deal with the challenges of the on-going environmental crisis which is, by all means, also a crisis of technological progress? What solutions can the humanities provide to become, in Christopher Newfield's words, a "locus of solving practical problems in the world"?

Keynote speakers will include Alan Trachtenberg (Yale University) and Lawrence Buell (Harvard University).

International scholars are encouraged to submit papers on any of the following topics:

- hybrid spaces (nature and city as spaces of friction and exchange between religious, ethnic, and cultural minorities and "mainstream culture")
- protest culture and natural resources (especially environmental consciousness and ecocriticism; signs, symbols, and sounds of protest movements)
- democratic landscapes (romantic and counter-hegemonic landscapes)
- imaginary Americas (changing visions of a multicultural and multiethnic America linked to the concepts

of nature and city)

- promises of virtual urban futures (possibilities of conflation of nature and city space in new digital media, hyper-realist images, computer animated films, virtual worlds on the Internet such as "Second Life")

Presentations are meant to be brief, intense, and controversial. They are intended as a starting point for discussion, not as a settled issue. Handouts and audiovisual aids are welcome.

Brief abstracts (200 words) for a 20-minute paper, including a short biographical statement (with institutional affiliation, postal address, e-mail address), should be sent to either Stefan Brandt (slbrandt@zedat.fu-berlin.de) or Frank Mehring (fmehring@zedat.fu-berlin.de) by April 9, 2008.

Proposals may also be considered for panels (of four papers). 200-word rationale should include panel title, a description of the panel theme, name of the panel chair, and 200-word abstracts of each paper (with contact details for each presenter).

Stefan Brandt / Frank Mehring - John F. Kennedy-Institute for North American Studies - Department of Culture - Freie Universität Berlin - Lansstr. 7-9, 14195 Berlin



The harbor in front of Oslo City Hall (Photograph by MH)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

May 22-24, 2008

The 2008 RAAS - Fulbright Conference

The Sense of America: Histories into Text

University of Bucharest, Romania

Organizers: The Romanian Association for American Studies (RAAS) and The Romanian – U.S. Fulbright Commission

The fifth conference of the Romanian Association for American Studies will be held at the University of Bucharest, Romania, May 22-24, 2008.

The program committee invites proposals from all practitioners of American studies or related disciplines. The Conference theme, The Sense of America: Histories into Text invites participants to explore the many meanings of “America” from the perspectives of both “new” world and “old” world narratives and narrations of life histories that have been translated and transmuted into various registers of fictional and factual text and representation. Touching on the concept of an “America” as a transcultural space shaped by globalization and modes of dislocation, the organizers encourage conference presentations that articulate, nuance, expand and challenge redefinitions of the “sense of America” beyond and across boundaries and that engage in debates about the place of the United States in the cultural dynamics of Europe and the world. The conference focus is on questions of complex identity in a world marked by September 11th – as well as on visions and responses to history issues and individual “histories” in and beyond America, shaped by interpretation, public and private memory from the colonial borderlands to the present.

June 25-28, 2008

6th MESEA Conference

*Leiden University,
The Netherlands*



The Society for Multi-Ethnic Studies: Europe and the Americas, Call for Papers

Migration Matters: Immigration, Homelands, and Border Crossing in Europe and the Americas

Largely driven by economics, migration today is a global and globalizing phenomenon that renders national borders obsolete and calls into question the viability of

nation states and national identities. Yet precisely because it undermines national structures, migration also has contributed to the reinvention of the historically highly problematic concept of “homelands” and the reconstruction of increasingly impenetrable borders. It is, moreover, in local situations and contexts that the impact of global migration is experienced, debated, and contested most directly and urgently. This conference, then, aims to focus on the ways in which migration matters locally as well as transnationally and globally, in the realms of politics and culture, history and sociology, economics and law, language, literature and the arts in Europe and the Americas. The following list of topics is meant to be suggestive rather than restrictive:

- Migration and the reinvention of (national and transnational, real and imaginary) “homelands” and/or the reconstruction of (external and internal, national, ethnic and racial, cultural and mental, political and economic) borders
- Global migrations and fluid geographies in terms of physical mappings and shifting populations
- Migration and national/ethnic/cultural/aesthetic border crossings
- Migration and modernization
- Immigration debates in various national contexts
- Images of the host countries in countries/continents of migratory origin
- Immigration restrictions and human rights; legal and extralegal status of immigrants
- Circulation and impact of migrant peoples and cultures in specific rural and urban spaces; cultural diversity in local societies
- New immigrant literatures as world and/or national literature; representation in and impact on regional cultures, literatures, media, and arts
- Macrosociological analyses of migration and globalization processes; rethinking the sociology of literature
- Cultural production (literature, film, visual art, performance, music, blog-culture, web-art) by or about migrants
- Migration and the reinvention of religious identities
- Emerging identities/identity fashioning; ethnic refashioning; conflict and/or reconciliation
- Historical case studies of migrancy and diaspora; evolving diaspora cultures
- Migration and gender
- Migration and race/racialization
- Forced migration and historical/contemporary slavery or bonded labor
- Migration and linguistic diversity
- Immigration and educational reformation(s).

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September 7,
2008 Deadline for submission of relevant information for the fall 2008 ASE Newsletter to the Editor-in-chief. Make sure to add "ASE-EAAS" (without quotes) to the subject line of your e-mail(s).

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