

Call for Papers

Second Bremen Conference on Language and Literature in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts (BCLL #2)

In the context of the research focus Colonial and Postcolonial Studies at the University of Bremen, Germany, the interdisciplinary Second Bremen Conference on Language and Literature in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts (BCLL #2) on

›Space in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts: Language, Literature, and the Construction of Place and Diaspora‹

will take place:

September 3–7, 2014

The conference will be organized jointly by the *Creative Unit Language in Colonial Contexts*, Bremen, the *Society Voces: International Society for Language in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts*, the *Institute for Postcolonial and Transcultural Studies* (INPUTS), Bremen, the *Bremen Institute of Canada and Québec Studies* (BICQS), and the Institute of Geography at the University of Bremen.

Emphasis will be put on the critical reflection of the category of space in (post)colonial contexts. Instead of looking at colonial and postcolonial spaces as static historical structures, we aim at exploring processes of spatial construction and representation in cultural practices. Our interdisciplinary perspectives will facilitate prospects on the dynamic nexus between space, place and coloniality in Postcolonial Studies by means of focusing on migration, mobility, displacement and further concepts of spatial dynamics.

This international meeting brings together scholars of various backgrounds who study the relationship between language, literature, culture, geography, and the construction of colonial sites with a focus on discussions about the concept of diaspora in Colonial and Postcolonial Studies. We aim at initiating a new interdisciplinary research program that explores how language, literature, culture, and place-making processes have been affected by colonial and postcolonial conditions and how material colonial and postcolonial constellations have been reflected, shaped and negotiated by communication and symbolic practice.

We welcome contributions from linguistics, literary and cultural studies, geography, anthropology, history, political science, and other disciplines.

Plenary Speakers include

Prof. Dr. Beatrix Busse, University of Heidelberg, Germany
Prof. Dr. Derek Gregory, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
Prof. Dr. Harald Hammarström, MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany
Prof. Dr. Yaron Matras, University of Manchester, UK
Prof. Dr. Cheryl McEwan, Durham University, UK
Prof. Dr. Katherine McKittrick, Queen's University, Canada
Prof. Dr. John McLeod, University of Leeds, Great Britain
Prof. Dr. Corinne Mencé-Caster, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane / Martinique (to be confirmed)
Prof. Dr. Rajagopalan Radhakrishnan, University of California, Irvine, USA
Prof. Dr. Anne Storch, University of Cologne, Germany
Prof. Dr. Brenda Yeoh, National University of Singapore

Sections and Contributions

Apart from the plenary lectures (60 minutes), there will be four sections devoted to:

Section 1: Language, Linguistics and the construction of (post)colonial places and diaspora

Section 2: Literature as construction of place and diaspora in (post)colonial settings

Section 3: Cultures of (post)colonial space construction

Section 4: Geographies of place and diaspora in (post)colonial contexts

Please bear in mind that papers should not exceed 20 minutes. We have reserved 10 minutes for discussions of each paper. Poster presentations will be accepted as well. The conference language will be English. Please submit abstracts until: **April 11, 2014** via email to culcc@uni-bremen.de

We kindly ask you to send complete information (name, academic title, affiliation, title of the paper, the section in which you see your presentation) with the short summary of the objectives of the talk, including three bibliographical references. Abstracts should not exceed 3,000 characters. There will be a **conference fee** of EUR 90,00 (EUR 50,00 for students) that covers participation, conference material, coffee breaks, and lunch buffets.

Conference Organizers

Prof. Dr. Sabine Broeck // Director of the *Institute for Postcolonial and Transcultural Studies* (INPUTS), Bremen and President of the international *Collegium for African-American Research* (CAAR)

Prof. Dr. Julia Lossau // Chair of Human Geography at the University of Bremen

Prof. Dr. Norbert Schaffeld // Chair of English Literature and Director of the *Bremen Institute of Canada- and Québec-Studies* (BICQS)

Prof. Dr. Thomas Stolz // Chair of Linguistics at the University of Bremen and head of the federal initiative for the excellence project *Creative Unit Language in Colonial Contexts* (CULCC)

Prof. Dr. Ingo H. Warnke // Chair of German and Interdisciplinary Linguistics at the University of Bremen and head of the federal initiative for the excellence project *Creative Unit Language in Colonial Contexts* (CULCC)