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**Italian Association of Canadian Studies
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International Conference

Alice Munro and the Anatomy of the Short Story

Naples, 2-4 October 2014

L'Università di Napoli 'l'Orientale' is delighted to host the International AISC Conference on Alice Munro, the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. Celebrated by the Swedish academy as "master of the contemporary short-story", the Canadian writer has devoted her entire career to an often neglected and marginalized form. Yet, no fixed patterns exist in her short stories, as the author has constantly developed, challenged, and revised existing modes of generic configuration. Thus, the Conference will discuss the fluidity, elusiveness and indeterminacy of Munro's collections of short stories.

Paper proposals on any aspect of Munro and her works are invited. Participants may choose to focus on a single story, compare two or more texts or cast a more panoramic view on Munro's literary production. The papers may deal with Munro's story/stories from a linguistic, literary or cultural perspective, but may also be examined through the critical tools of translation studies, film studies or ecocriticism. Her influence on other short story writers is also an object of investigation. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the short story and/as related to/as interconnected with:

- Gender and Genre
- Remembering/Reshaping the Past
- Canadian landscapes
- The human and the animal world
- The representation of illness and death
- The generation gap
- Autobiography and/as fiction

- Interlinguistic and intersemiotic translation

Keynote speaker: Héliane Ventura (Université de Toulouse 2)

Abstracts for paper proposals (max 200 words) should be submitted by email to munro@unior.it by 15 June 2014. Notification of acceptance will be sent by 30 June 2014.

Further information will be posted on the website **www.alicemunro.unior.it**

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Venue: Palazzo del Mediterraneo, L’Università di Napoli ‘l’Orientale’, Via Nuova Marina 59 - 80133, Napoli

Conference languages: English, French and Italian

A selection of Papers will be peer-reviewed for publication.