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**The Capital(s) of Comparative Literature  
Capital(es) de la littérature comparée**

**University of Ottawa/ Université d'Ottawa 2015  
May 31-June 2 – 31 mai-2 juin**

**PROGRAM**

Conference Program Chair/ Président du colloque:  
**Albert Braz, University of Alberta**

# **DIMANCHE/ SUNDAY**

## **May 31 mai 2015**

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Keynote Address/ Conférence d'honneur**

Room/Salle: DMS 1130

**ROSEANN RUNTE**

Carleton University/Université Carleton

“Travel Narrative and Autobiography: Women Writers  
between Countries, Genres and Styles/ Histoires de voyage  
et de vie: Écrivaines en voyage entre pays, genres et styles”

**12:30 – 13:30 Pause/ Break** (*lunch options on campus*)

### **SESSION 1/SÉANCE 1**

#### **13:30 – 15:00**

#### **SEX AND BEAUTY**

Room/Salle: DMS 4130

Chair/Présidente: **TEGAN ZIMMERMAN**

**TILOTTAMA RAJAN** (Western University), “Blake’s Theatre  
of Cruelty: The Lambeth Books as a Body without Organs”

**KATIE FRY** (University of Toronto), “The Beautiful Body in  
fin-de-siècle Literature”

**ANDREA C. VALENTE** (York University), “What Is Capital in  
Activist Women’s Ideas? The Female Naked Body Rhetoric in  
European Street Protests”

#### **CONSTRUCTING ASIANNES**

Room/Salle: DMS 4140

Chair/Présidente: **SUSAN INGRAM**

**IRENE GAMMEL** and **JASON WANG** (Ryerson University),  
“The Geo-Cultural Capital of Family History: Performing  
“Chineseness” in May Q. Wong’s A Cowherd in Paradise”

**JESSICA TSUI-YAN LI** (York University), “The Poetics of Self-  
Translation: Comparing Literary Works by Eileen Chang”

**JENNY HEIJUN WILLS** (University of Winnipeg),  
“Francophone Asian Adoption Graphic Memoirs: A Response  
to the ‘Canon’”

**SESSION 2/SÉANCE 2**  
**15:30 – 17:30 PM**

**THE CAPITAL(S) OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE I**  
**CAPITAL(ES) DE LA LITTÉRATURE COMPARÉE I**

Room/Salle: DMS 4130

Chair/Présidente: **JESSICA TSUI-YAN LI**

**SARAH ROGER** (McMaster University)  
“Writing, Reading, and Cultural Bookkeeping”

**JOSEPH PIVATO** (Athabasca University)  
“Lingua, Lingua, Lingua: Comparative Literature, a Future”

**ASMA SAYED** (University of Alberta), “Comparative  
Literature in the Age of Big Data”

**PAUL D. MORRIS** (Université de Saint-Boniface)  
“The Comparative Study of Literature as a Form of Social  
Capital”

**COMPARATIVE LITERATURE AND GENRE**  
**LA LITTÉRATURE COMPARÉE ET GENRE**

Room/Salle: DMS 4140

Chair/Présidente: **JEANNE MATHIEU-LESSARD**

**KODJO ATTIKPOÉ** (Memorial University of Newfoundland)  
« Littérature de jeunesse et comparatisme: Enjeux et  
perspectives »

**KAREN VERGNOL-REMONT** (Université Blaise-Pascal)  
« L’obligation d’une lecture croisée pour le fantastique »

**EQBAL SAMIR** (Université du Caire),  
« Deux immeubles/ deux capitales. Étude comparée de  
Pot-Bouille de Zola, et de L’Immeuble de Yacoubian de Alaa  
Alaswany »

**LOUIS-THOMAS LEGUERRIER** (Université de Montréal),  
« Ulysse au XXe siècle: une métaphore de la pensée  
comparatiste »

17:30-19:00 **President's Reception/Réception du Recteur**  
Room/Salle:



**LUNDI / MONDAY**  
**June 1 juin 2015**

**SESSION 3/SÉANCE 3**  
**9:00 – 11:00**

**LA RHÉTORIQUE DE L'AMBIANCE DANS  
LES RÉSEAUX DU XXIE SIÈCLE**

Room/Salle: LMX 216

Chair/Président: **CHRISTIAN GIGUÈRE**

**STÉPHANE LARUE** (Université de Montréal)  
« L'ambiance discursive et les médias sociaux »

**CHRISTIAN GIGUÈRE**  
(Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières)  
« La rhétorique de l'ambiance littéraire dans The New-Yorker  
»

**CYNTHIA BOUCHER** (Université de Sienne)  
« Support de l'ambiance : le corps du yogi moderne dans la  
relecture des Yogas-Sutras par B.K.S. Iyengar »

**SIMON HAREL** (Université de Montréal)  
« Quand la culture se veut douce au regard. Les ambiances du  
Quartier des spectacles »

**FASHION CAPITAL(S) AND DIVERSE LOCATIONS OF CULTURAL  
PRODUCTION**

Room/Salle: LMX 218

Chair/Président: **MARKUS REISENLEITNER**

**REBECCA HALLIDAY** (York University)

“The Glamourai’s Life: The Performance of Habitus in the Fashion Blogosphere”

**JULIA POLYCK-O’NEILL** (Brock University) “Wearing Sign/  
Wearing Place: Douglas Coupland, Ken Lum, and Some  
Problematics of Capital in Vancouver”

**NATHANIEL WEINER** (York University)

“Fashion Capital in Online Menswear Communities”

**KATHRYN FRANKLIN** (York University)

“Chloe as Urban Muse: Fashioning Toronto through Egoyan’s  
Lens”

**11:00 -13:00** Break/ Pause  
(lunch options on campus)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

(for members of the executive)

Room/Salle: LMX 315

## **SESSION 4/SÉANCE 4**

### **13:00 – 14:30**

**HISPANO-AMERICAN LETTERS**

**LETTRES HISPANO-AMÉRICAINES**

Room/Salle: LMX 216

Chair/Président: **KEVIN WILSON**

**CAROLINA FERRER**

(Université du Québec à Montréal)

« Les capitales de diffusion de la critique sur les lettres  
hispano-américaines »

**IVÁN H. JIMÉNEZ WILLIAMS** (UAE University) “Latin-  
American Diverse Unity as Seen through Some of Its  
Mapuche and Chilean Creole Theatrical Productions”

**KAREN YAWORSKI** (University of Toronto)

“The Polyvalent ‘You’: Rethinking Identity in Junot Díaz’s  
This Is How You Lose Her”

## **HOW ART WORKS**

Room/Salle: LMX 218

Chair/Présidente: **SUSAN INGRAM**

**INGA UNTIKS** (York University)

“The Museum as Pharmacy: Malevich, Hirst, and Repositories of Belief”

**JOSHUA SYNENKO** (York University)

“Desert Urbanity: Repertoires of the City by Michael Heizer and Alberto Burri”

**CHRISTINE NGUYEN** (York University)

“Illustrating the Self in Distorted Realities: Comparative Approaches to the Unconscious in Murakami and Magritte”

**14:30 – 15:00** Pause/ Break (coffee/café)

## **SESSION 5/SÉANCE 5**

**15:00 – 16:30**

## **CITIES AND STYLES/LA VILLE ET LE STYLE**

Room/Salle: LMX 218

Présidente: **JULIA POLYCK-O'NEILL**

**JOLENE ARMSTRONG** (Athabasca University)

“Hjalmar Söderberg’s Förvillelser: Tracking Stockholm’s Flâneur through Analysis of the Spatial Configurations of the Built Environment”

**SUSAN INGRAM** (York University)

“L.A. and Bling”

**JILYNN QUEK** (York University)

“A King and A Saint Walk into a Bar Your Living Room to Entertain You with the Tale of their Epic Adventures”

**17:00-18:00** Room/Salle:

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

(co-sponsored by ACQL and CATS):

“Exploring Translation Effects in Canada  
Panelists: **SHERRY SIMON, LUISE VON FLOTOW**  
and **KATHY MEZEI**

(The panel will be followed by the launch of **Translation Effects. The Shaping of Modern Canadian Culture** eds. Kathy Mezei, Sherry Simon, Luise von Flotow, McGill-Queen’s UP 2014. Co-funded by MQUP)

18:30 – 20:30

**CCLA Soirée de l’ACL**  
Room/Salle: SMD 123

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**MARDI/ TUESDAY**  
**June 2 juin 2015**

**SESSION 6/SÉANCE 6**  
**9:30 – 11:30**

**THE CAPITAL(S) OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE III**  
**CAPITAL(ES) DE LA LITTÉRATURE COMPARÉE III**  
Room/Salle: SWT 125  
Chair/Président: **MIGUEL NENEVÉ**

**DORIS HAMBUCH** (United Arab Emirates University)  
“Aquatic Capitalization: The Sea Is History, according to  
Walcott, Alegría, Kirsch, and Thani”

**JUSTIN DERRY** (York University)

“Other Worlds in Our World’: J.M. Ledgard’s Submergence and Planetary Writing”

**RASOUL ALIAKBARI** (University of Alberta)

“Aesthetic Capital of the Arabian Nights and the American Capitalist Formation: Toward ReHistoricizing Anglo-American NationBuilding through Print Culture”

**COLIN DIGNAM and ROBERT BEGHETTO** (York University)

“Outsider Narratives: Kings, Mentors and Rebels in Sophocles’ Antigone”

### **CAPITALIZING ON ARCHIVES IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**

Room/Salle: SWT 223

Chair/Président: **PIETRO GIORDAN**

**NEFISE KAHRAMAN** (University of Toronto)

“Before/After vs. Past/Present: A Comparatist in Archives”

**JEANNE MATHIEU-LESSARD** (Université de Toronto)

« L’archive comme lieu de mémoire et lieu de transmission »

**KEVIN GODBOUT** (Western University)

“Melancholy as Crisis Consciousness: Spleen and the Archive in Baudelaire and Benjamin”

**11:30 – 12:30** Pause/Break (lunch options on campus)

### **SESSION 7/SÉANCE 7**

**12:30 – 14:00**

### **LITERATURE AND FILM/ LITTÉRATURE ET CINÉMA**

Room/Salle: SWT 125

Chair/Présidente: **JOLENE ARMSTRONG**

**KEVIN G. WILSON** (Télé-université, Montréal), “Temple Drake in Fiction and Film: Crisis, Community and Mimetic Rivalry in William Faulkner’s Sanctuary”

**ALBERT BRAZ** (University of Alberta), “Lovers of America (the USA): Mira Nair, The Reluctant Fundamentalist, and the Politics of Adaptation”

**PIETRO GIORDAN** (York University), “Sad Allegories in East Palace, West Palace: Some Remarks on Wang Xiaobo’s Contribution”

**THE CAPITAL(S) OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE IV  
CAPITAL(ES) DE LA LITTÉRATURE COMPARÉE IV**

Chair/Présidente: **ANDREA VALENTE**

Room/Salle: SWT 223

**JOANNA MAZUR** (University of Rzeszów)  
“Coetzee’s Age of Iron Confronted with Tolstoy’s The Death of Ivan Ilyich and Solzhenitsyn’s Cancer Ward”

**JAMIE GIANNOU** (York University)  
“Swiftly Moving Pictures: Visionary Poetics in the Works of Czesław Miłosz and Herta Müller”

**BARBARA LUDWICZAK** (University of Rzeszów)  
“Melmottes of Transformation: A Comparative Reading of Anthony Trollope’s Fiction in Post-Communist Poland”

**14:00 – 14:30** Break/ Pause (coffee/café)

**SESSION 8/SÉANCE 8  
14:30 – 16:00**

**CANADIAN LITERATURE AND THE WORLD  
LA LITTÉRATURE CANADIENNE ET LE MONDE**

Chair/Président: **ALBERT BRAZ**

Room/Salle: SWT 125

**MIGUEL NENEVÉ**  
(Universidade Federal de Rondônia)  
“North versus South in Priscila Uppal’s Projection: Encounters with My Runaway Mother”

**GUANGXU ZHAO** (University of Ottawa)

“For the Pursuit of a Clean and Better Life of the Target Culture: Based upon a Survey of the Publication of Canadian Literature in China”

**BODY POLITICS**

Chair/Présidente: **DORIS HAMBUCH**

Room/Salle: SWT 223

**MEHRANEH EBRAHIMI** (Western University)

“Re-presenting Muslim Women in an Era of Military Benevolence”

**TEGAN ZIMMERMAN** (MacEwan University)

“Mothers as Capital in Belinda Starling’ The Journal of Dora Damage (2006) and Joyce Lebra’s The Scent of Sake (2009)”

**16:00 – 16:30** Pause/Break

**16:30 – 18:00**

**Annual General Meeting  
Assemblée générale annuelle**

Room/Salle: HGN 302



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