



The Edge of Words Project, Division of European Languages and Cultures, and the Centre de Recherches Francophones Belges

Study Day: 'Belgium and Postcolonial Paradigms'

Friday 15 May 2015 | Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH)
2 Hope Park Square | Edinburgh EH8 9NW

Belgium's place within postcolonial paradigms has often been overlooked. This study day aims to explore the colonial and postcolonial dimensions of francophone literary and artistic practice in Belgium and the Congo. It also aims to reappraise past and present theoretical frameworks in relation to Belgium. What are the challenges posed by these theoretical frameworks? In what ways do theoretical insights from anglophone and francophone settings help to inform our understanding of Belgian paradigms?

09.30 a.m. Welcome

09.45-10.30 a.m. Session 1

Dr Pierre-Philippe Fraiture (University of Warwick), 'Belgium's "Colonial Library": Past and Present Perspectives'

Chair: Dr Susan Bainbrigge (University of Edinburgh)

Discussion

Coffee/tea 10.45-11.15

11.15-12.45 Session 2

Ms Sarah Arens (University of Edinburgh), 'Haiti, Belgium, Congo: Traversing Francophone Postcolonial Spaces in Patrick François' *La dernière larme du lac Kivu* (2011)'.

Ms Katie Tidmarsh (ULIP, Paris), 'Postcolonial trauma and resistance in contemporary Congolese literature'

Ms Véronique Clette-Gakuba (ULB, Brussels), 'Négociations et visibilité du milieu artistique subsaharien à Bruxelles: éléments théoriques pour une approche postcoloniale'/'Negotiations and visibility of the sub-saharan artistic community in Brussels: theoretical elements for a post-colonial approach'

Chair: Dr Nouria Ouali (ULB, Brussels)

LUNCH 12.45-1.45 pm

1.45-2.30 p.m Session 3

M. Marc Quaghebeur (Directeur, Archives et musée de la littérature, Bruxelles)– title t.b.c.

Discussion

Coffee/tea 2.45 – 3 p.m.

3.00-4.00 p.m.

Round table/Table ronde

Postcolonial theories and paradigms: intersections and idiosyncrasies?

Led by **Dr Sam Coombes** and **Dr Nicki Frith**.

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