

International Conference

The Environment and Human Migration: Rethinking the Politics of Poetry

University of Bamberg, 25-26 November 2016

An der Universität 7, U7/01.05

Conference Program

Friday, November 25	
12.30 – 01.00 p.m.	Registration
01.00 – 01.15 p.m.	Conference Opening and Welcome
01.15 – 02.30 p.m.	Keynote Lecture Jahan Ramazani, University of Virginia: “The Local Poem in a Global Age” <i>Chair: Christine Gerhardt</i>
02.30 – 03.00 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
03.00 – 04.00 p.m.	Panel I: World Poetries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jonathan Crewe, Dartmouth College: “The Human Ecology of South African Migrant Labor”• Cheryl Lousley, Lakehead University: “Landing/Capitalizing: The Displacement Poetics of Dionne Brand and Jeff Derksen” <i>Chair: Cara Koehler</i>
04.00 – 04.15 p.m.	<i>Short Coffee Break</i>
04.15 – 05.15 p.m.	Panel II: Island Poetries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antonia Purk, Universität Erfurt: “Oceanic Relations: The Eco-poetics of Olive Senior’s Hurricane Stories”• Judith Rauscher, Universität Bamberg: “Conflicted Territorialities and Archipelagic Environments in the Poetry of Craig Santos Perez” <i>Chair: Theresa Roth</i>
05.15 – 05.30 p.m.	<i>Short Coffee Break</i>
05.30 – 06.30 p.m.	Panel III: 19th and Early 20th-Century Migrant Imaginaries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kellen Bolt, Northwestern University: “Negotiating Ecological Nativism: Nature and National Belonging in Nineteenth Century U.S. Immigrant Poetry”• Stefan Benz, Universität Mannheim: “‘The race that plagued us’: Humanity as Migrant in the Poetry of Robinson Jeffers” <i>Chair: Mareike Spychala</i>
06.30 – 07.30 p.m.	<i>Break – Optional: Glühwein/ Aperitif at the Bamberg Christmas Market</i>
07.30 p.m.	Group Dinner: Restaurant Brudermühle

Saturday, November 26	
9.30 – 11.00 a.m.	<p>Panel IV: Contemporary American Immigrant Poetries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philipp Reisner, Universität Düsseldorf: “Religious Dimensions of Refugee Environmentalism: The Structural Presence of Genesis in Contemporary Anglo-American Poetry” • Jessica Bundschuh, Universität Stuttgart: “Tasting Exile: The Political Elegies of Li-Young Lee” • Melissa Zeiger, Dartmouth College: “The <i>Transborder Immigrant Tool</i> and the Poetics of Survival” <p><i>Chair:</i> Judith Rauscher</p>
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30 – 12.30 p.m.	<p>Panel V: Eco-poetics in the Anthropocene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marius Henderson, Universität Hamburg: “Reparative Reading ‘& and’ Conjunctive Poetics” • Sonja Frenzel, Universität Düsseldorf: “Eco-poetics and Ecopolitics: Queering Climate Change and Migration in Transdisciplinary Relation/s” <p><i>Chair:</i> Georgiana Banita</p>
12.30 – 2.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2.30 – 3.15 p.m.	<p>Plenary Talk 1</p> <p>Franca Bellarsi, Université Libre de Bruxelles: “Beat Nomadism and the Eco-poetics of Migration”</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Judith Rauscher</p>
3.15 – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Short Coffee Break</i>
3.30 – 5.00 p.m.	<p>Panel VI: American Poetries On the Move</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sascha Pöhlmann, LMU München: “Exotics on Earth in Allen Ginsberg’s ‘Poem in the Form of a Snake That Bites Its Tail’” • Timo Müller, Universität Augsburg: “Poetry, Mobility, and the American Road” • Katherine R. Lynes, Union College: “‘A Stranger, Crossing Their Land’: Restricted Movement in African American Eco-poetics” <p><i>Chair:</i> Nicole Konopka</p>
5.00 – 5.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
5.30 – 6.15 p.m.	<p>Plenary Talk 2</p> <p>Sabine Sielke, Universität Bonn: “Figures Moving in Space: (Re-)Politicizing Marianne Moore’s ‘The Paper Nautilus’”</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Christine Gerhardt</p>
6.15 – 6.30 p.m.	Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks
7.30 p.m.	Conference Dinner: Restaurant Eckerts