Configurations of Empire.

Summer 2019, Work-in-Progress Conference



Friday 16th August – Saturday 17th August Bush House King's College London

Co-Organised by Rafael Lubner and James Rakoczi





Provisional Schedule.

Day 1.

Friday 16th August 2019: Bush House, North East Wing, Room -1.01

9.00-9.30 | Registration and Breakfast

9.30-9.45 | Opening Remarks

9.45-11.15 | Panel 1: Settler Fantasies

Andrew Kim (UNC), "Exhausting the East Asian Settler Immigrant in On Such a Full Sea."

Abigail Lee (UNC), on Chang-rae Lee's Native Speaker.

Nessie Nankivell (KCL), "Logistical Maps, Indigenous Land: Strategies for the Coming Commons."

11.15-11.30 | Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 | Panel 2: Scalabilities

Carson Arthur (Birkbeck), "The scale of the problem: England's racial map and Black people's 'lived experience' of 'serious youth violence'."

Nicole Berland (UNC), "Contemporary Televisual Metaseriality and the Long History of Modernity."

James Rakoczi (KCL/UCL), "Epilepsy, the neurological and the global."

13.00-14.00 | Lunch

14.00-15.30 | Panel 3: Speculation and Temporality

Sam Fisher (KCL), "Scaling Temporalities in Sam Delany's Atlantis: 1924."

Kelechi Anucha (Exeter), "(Un)reasonably happy' or 'Happily (un)reasonable': posthuman contradiction in *Trouble on Triton*."

Rafael Lubner (KCL), on N.K. Jemisin's The Broken Earth trilogy.

15.30-16.00 | Afternoon Break

16.00-17.15 | Keynote 1: Dr Sita Balani (KCL) on sexuality and the border

19.00 | Conference Dinner

Day 2. (Please note room change.) Saturday 17th August 2019: Bush House, South East Wing, Room 1.01

10.15-11.00 | Registration and Breakfast

11.00-12.30 | Panel 4: Mapping Race/Racism

Trisha Remetir (UNC), "Marine Intimacies."

Dr Christine Okoth (Warwick), "Ecology and Ekphrasis."

Douglas Stark (UNC), "'Just Playing Around': Agonistic Play and the Structural Emergence of Neo-Fascism in Video Game Communities."

12.30-14.00 | Picnic Packed Lunch

14.00-15.30 | Panel 5: Gender, Texture, Boundary

Emilio Taiveaho (UNC), "Re-folding Whitman: Reading is a Constant Struggle."

Savannah Whaley (KCL), "Texture and Affect in Howardena Pindell's Free, White & 21."

Rachel Warner (UNC), "A Crisis in (Female) Masculinity: My Ántonia & the Imaginative Recreation of the Western Frontier."

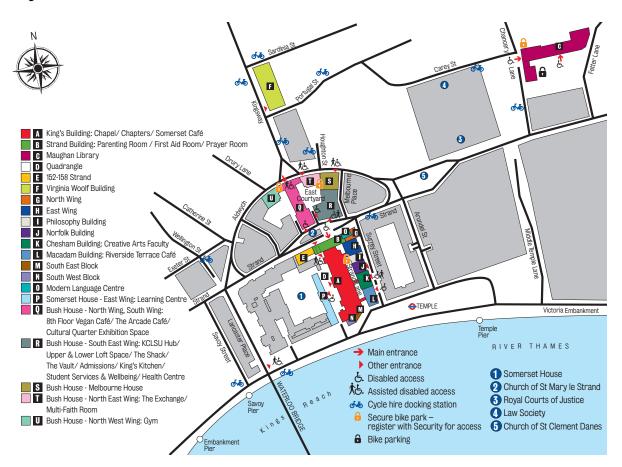
15.30-15.45 | Afternoon Break

15.45-17.00 | Keynote 2: Dr Amy De'Ath (KCL), "Internalizing Reproduction: A Value Theory of Gender."

17.00-17.15 | Closing Remarks

17.15 | Wine Reception

Map.



Day 1: Room -1.01 is on the lower ground floor of North East Wing, Bush House (**T** on map.) Day 2: Room 1.01 is on the first floor of South East Wing, Bush House (**R** on map.)