

Multilingualism and Multilingual Identities in World Literature

Conference Programme

Thursday 18 January – Saturday 20 January 2018

SOAS, University of London

Including information about lunchtime events, evening receptions, and conference dinner. Note: No formal registration is required for the additional events, though we will take numbers for catering purposes at a later date.

Details about the dinner as well as directions to all off-campus locations will be provided in the conference pack.

If you have any friends or colleagues in London who would be interested in attending the conference for any of the three days, please have them register [here](#). There is no need for panellists to register.

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Thursday 18 January

11:00 – Registration and Coffee (College Buildings MB116)

11:15 - Welcome from Conference Organizers Wen-chin Ouyang (SOAS) and Jane Hiddleston (Oxford)

Multilingualisms and language borders

11:30 -12:45 – Chair: Wen-chin Ouyang (SOAS)

Álvaro Marín García (Essex)	Multilingualism in the new Spanish novel: The case and influence of Alfaguara reading committees
Dima Ayoub (Middlebury)	Resistant Multilingualism in Somaya Ramadan's <i>Leaves of Narcissus</i>

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (SG36)

We make our way over to the SOAS conference suite where [*Talking Transformations: An exhibition of multilingual translation art*](#) is set up ahead of the evening's performance program with Manuela Perteghella and Ricarda Vidal (King's College London)

14:00-15:15 - Chair: Ross G. Forman (Warwick)

Claire Gallien (Montpellier)	Contemporary Literary Production in English and Arabic – Displacing, Rethinking and Reinventing Language, Literature, and Belonging
Flair Shi (Oxford)	Positioning the Multilingual Sinophone in the “Chinese”/World Literature Debate

15:15- 15:30 – Coffee Break

15:30 to 17:15 – Chair: Jane Hiddleston (Oxford)

Elisabeth Friis (Lund)	Greenlandic Ethnoaesthetics and Trilingualism
Kasia Szymańska (Oxford)	Polish Martians Send a Multilingual Postcard Home
Mads Rosendahl Thomsen (Aarhus)	The subtle economy of bilingual novels: Achebe, Díaz, Hemon and Xiaolu Guo

17:15 Reception Wine and nibbles with Poetry and exhibit walk through

18:30 – [**Mother Tongues**](#) – Authors Vahni Capildeo and Burhan Sönmez speak on language and identity at Waterstones –with English PEN. Registration required: <https://www.englishpen.org/event/37400/> Conference panellists do not need to register.)

Friday 19 January

9:30 Coffee (SG36)

Multilingualism and identity

10:00-11:15 - Chair: Karima Laachir (SOAS)

Siobhan Shilton
(Bristol)

Identity and 'Difference' in El Seed's Calligraphiti: from Street to Web

Ingy Emara
(Misr International)

A Multimodal Discourse Analysis of Billboards as a Tool for Shaping Multilingual Identities in Egypt

Seeing, feeling and hearing multilingualisms

11:15 to 12:30 - Chair: Siobhán Shilton (U. Bristol)

Dobrochna Futro
(Glasgow)

Translanguaging Art

Paulo Horta
(NYU Abu Dhabi)

Visceral realisms: pranks, poetry and pictures in Roberto Bolaño's fiction

12:30 to 14:30 Interactive Lunch

[Inés Labarta](#) (Lancaster) reads to us from her multilingual novel in progress

14:30 to 15:45 Chair: Wen-chin Ouyang (SOAS)

Xiaofan Amy Li
(Kent)

The Polyphonic Dance of Poetry: Gao Xingjian's *Ballade nocturne* and Pascal Quignard's *L'Origine de la danse*

H-Dirksen
Bauman
(Gallaudet)

The Absurd Poetics of the Hearing: Multilingual Ventriloquism In American Sign Language Performance

15:45 – 16:15 – Coffee Break

16:15 to 17:30 - Chair: Laura Lonsdale (Oxford)

Karin Nykvist
(Lund)

From Language to Noise – and Back Again

Khalid Lyamlahy
(Oxford)

A 'Boundless Creative Ferocity': Moroccan Poetry and Visual Art in Dialogue

18:30 Conference Dinner

Saturday 20 January

9:30 Coffee (SG36)

Revolutionary Multilingualisms

10:00 to 11:45 - Chair: Charles Forsdick (U. Liverpool)

Carlos F. Grigsby (Oxford)	Thinking in French & Writing in Spanish
Brigitte Rath (Innsbruck)	Of mice-bunnies. Speaking non-monolingually in one language
Eva Karpinski (York, Canada)	“Qui sont-je?” Multilingual Entanglements of Identity in Üstün Bilgen-Reinart

12:00 to 13:30 Interactive Lunch

Explore [Claire Frampton's](#) (Ashmolean) exhibition on multilingualism in the museum exhibit

13:30 to 14:45 – Chair: Francesca Orsini (SOAS)

Keya Anjaria (SOAS)	Multilingual Prose in Ahmet Midhat Efendi's Felatun Bey and Rakım Efendi
yasser elhariry (Dartmouth)	'How wonderfully this language falls on the ear': Postlanguage & Ahmad Faris al-Shidyaq's <i>Leg Over Leg</i>

14:45 – 16:00 – Chair: Wen-chin Ouyang (SOAS)

Dominique Jullien (UC Santa Barbara)	Artificial languages, multilingualism and dystopias
Ellen Jones (Queen Mary)	Me estás pluckeando del closet': queering language and textual production in Giannina Braschi's <i>Yo-Yo Boing!</i>

End of Conference Programme

For core group members:

16:00 17:00 Project (Core Group) Meeting with coffee

18:30 Project (Core Group) Dinner