PSA Postgraduate Conference

Networking the Globe: Information Technologies and the Postcolonial

University of Stirling, Scotland

Friday 21st to Saturday 22nd May, 2010

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Conference Schedule

All events will take place in the Stirling Management Centre on the University of Stirling campus except for the conference dinner.

Friday 21st May

9.00-9.45   **Registration with refreshments**

Venue: Balcony

9.45-10.00   **Welcome**

Venue: Blair Atholl

Dr Chris Warnes, Chair of the Postcolonial Studies Association

10.00-11.15   **Keynote Session**

Chair: Dr Florian Stadtler (Open University)
Venue: Blair Atholl

Dr Rajinder Dudrah (University of Manchester)
'Postcolonial Methodologies? Thinking Film and New Media through Haptic Urban Ethnoscapes'

11.15-12.45   **Parallel Panels**

A. New Technologies, Cinema and the Postcolonial

Chair:
Venue: Blair Atholl

Dr Lizelle Bisschoff & Stefanie Van de Peer (University of Stirling & co-directors of Africa in Motion)
'Digital Production and Distribution in African Cinema'

Vivien Silvey (Australian National University)
'Degrees of Separation: The Reappraisal of World Cinema through Network Narratives'

Sandra Annett (University of Manitoba, Canada)
'New Media beyond Neo-Imperialism: *Betty Boop* and *Sita Sings the Blues*

B. Intellectual Property and New Technologies in a Transnational World

Chair:
Venue: Callander Dollar

Rajalakshmi Nadadur Kannan (University of Stirling)
'Interrogating Artistic Ownership in a Postcolonial Setting'

Aideen Quealy & Nina Ribbens (NUI, Galway)
'Back to the Future'

Nathaniel Shaw (University of Newcastle)
'Exploring the Role of Technology, Authenticity, and
Instrumentation in Hip Hop and Rap'

12.45-14.00   **Lunch**

Venue: Restaurant

14.00-15.00   **Workshop: Career Paths**

Venue: Blair Atholl

Professor Stephanie Newell (University of Sussex) in Conversation
with Dr Ranka Primorac (University of Southhampton and Vice-Chair
of the Postcolonial Studies Association)

15.00-16.30   **Parallel Panels**

C. Migration, Identity Negotiations and New Technologies

Chair:
Venue: Blair Atholl

Asmaa Azizi (Paris IV, Sorbonne)
'Blogs: A New Tool for Identity Construction of Migrants: A Case
Study of Moroccan Migrants'

Alastair Hunter (University of Edinburgh)
'Empowering or Enslaving?: ICT and Older Migrants'
Communications with Home Communities in North and West
Africa'

Dr Rehana Ahmed & Dr Florian Stadtler (Open University)
'New Technologies and Postcolonial Research: The "Making
Britain" Database'

D. Globalisation and Technologies

Chair:

Venue: Callander Dollar

Adesina Iluyemi (University of Portsmouth)
'Cooperation or Hegemony? Narratives of New Alliances and Identities in the Globalization of eHealth in Africa'

Bogdan V. Lepadatu (National School for Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest)
'The Age of Ghost Modernism: The Neo-Liberal Globalization Project vs. the Anti-Globalization Counter-Narrative'

Gohar Karim Khan (University of Warwick)
'Resistance via Technology: Signals from the Muslim World Post 9/11'

16.30-16.45 Refreshments

Venue: Balcony

16.45-17.30 Workshop: The Academic Job Interview

Venue: Blair Atholl

Dr Chris Warnes (St John's College, University of Cambridge) and Dr Dave Gunning (University of Birmingham)

Followed the by the announcement of the winner of the PSA/JPW Annual Postgraduate Essay Prize

17.30-18.30 PSA AGM

Venue: Blair Atholl

19.30 Conference Dinner

Venue: Mediterranéa Restaurant, 4 Viewfield Place, Stirling town centre

Saturday 22nd May

10.00-11.15 Keynote Session

Chair: Dr Rehana Ahmed (Open University)
Venue: Blair Atholl

Dr David Herbert (University of Groningen)
'A Global Conversation? Researching Discussions of Religion and Politics on BBC World Service Online Forums'

11.15-11.30   Refreshments

Venue: Balcony

11.30-12.30   Parallel Panels

E. Surveillance Technologies and the Limits of State Control

Chair: Brian Rock (University of Stirling)
Venue: Blair Atholl

Agnes Wooley (University of Leeds)
'Surveillance Aesthetics: Representational Technologies in Pawel Pawlikowski's *Last Resort*'

Paula Blair (Queen's University of Belfast)
'Control Zone: British Army Surveillance in Northern Irish Video Installation'

F. New Media and Cultural Representation

Chair:
Venue: Callander Dollar

Karim Mattar (University of Oxford)
'Routes of Violence: Diplomacy and Exile in Anglophone Libyan Fiction'

Vassilios Karagiannopoulos (University of Strathclyde)
'Internet Activist Politics: Lessons from Iran's Twitter Revolution'

12.30-13.30   Lunch

Venue: Restaurant

13.30-14.15   Workshop: Surviving the PhD Viva

& Dr Florian Stadtler (Open University)

14.15-14.30   Refreshments

Venue: Balcony

14.30-16.00   Plenary Panel

G. Web-Cultures and Networks

Chair:
Venue: Blair Atholl

Morgan Currie (University of Amsterdam)
'The Promiscuous Archive'

Liam Devlin (University of Wales, Newport)
'Creating Kurdistan: Cultural Identities and the World Wide Web'

Hilde C. Stephansen (Goldsmiths, University of London)
'Connecting the Peripheries: Networks, Place and Scale in the World Social Forum Process'

16.00   **Close of Conference**

Venue: Blair Atholl

Brian Rock (University of Stirling)