

New Ecotones

An international conference

June 11-13, 2015

PROGRAMME

Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier
Site Saint-Charles

Salle des colloques n°2 (Thursday June 11)

Salle des colloques n°1 (Friday June 12 & Saturday June 13)

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Thursday June 11

8.30 Registration

9.15 Opening of the conference by Prof Christine Reynier, director of EMMA

9.30-10.30 **Setting the Stage (1): Material and Immaterial Ecotones**

Chair: Maggi Morehouse (Coastal Carolina University)

John Hawley (*Santa Clara University*)

Why Can't We All Just Get Along: Politics and the Tangibility of Place

Simanique Moody (*Leiden University*)

Contact Zones in Contact: Language and Liminal Spaces in Southeast Georgia

10.30-11.00 Tea and Coffee

11.00-12.15 **Setting the Stage (2): Material and Immaterial Ecotones**

Chair: Thomas Lacroix (MIGRINTER Université de Poitiers)

Sabine Sielke (*University of Bonn*)

Ecotoning Inter-and Transdisciplinarity

Marie Kruger (*University of Iowa*)

Memorial Spaces: Encounters between Witnesses, Curators and Visitors in a former Apartheid Prison

Jill Didur (*Concordia University*)

Walk this Way: Locative Media, Gardens as Ecotones

12.15-13.00 **Keynote Address by Gaurav Desai** (*Tulane University*)

Crabs that Rule the Tide of Destiny: Imagining the Ecotone in Amitav Ghosh's *The Hungry Tide*

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 **Precarious, Endangered, Mutating Communities**

Chair: Gaurav Desai

Asis De (*Vidyasagar University, West Bengal*)

The Arrow and the Axe: Ecotone and Cultural Transformation in Mahasweta Devis *Chotti Munda and His Arrow*

Michael Paye (*University College Dublin*)

Living on the Ecotone: The Changing Face of Fishing Communities in the Capitalist World-Ecology

15.15-16.00 **Keynote Address by Jayan K. Cherian: *Papilio Buddha***

16.00-16.30 Tea and Coffee

18.00-21.00 **Jayan K. Cherian's *Papilio Buddha* at the Médiathèque Fellini**

Friday June 12

9.15-10.30 Between Land and Sea: Troubled Winds and Waters

Chair: Magali Compan

Anne Cirella-Urrutia (*Huston-Tillotson University Austin*)

Transient Communities and The Edge Effect in Dominique Mwankumi's *Picture Book*

Srilata Ravi (*University of Alberta*)

Liminality and Resilience: Tropical Cyclones in Mauritian literature

Yvonne Reddick (*University of Central Lancashire Preston*)

Delta Blues: Conflict, Pollution and Literature in the Niger Delta

10.30-11.00 Tea and Coffee

11.00-12.15 Oceanic Economies

Chair: Srilata Ravi

Kathleen Flanagan (*University of North Carolina Chapel Hill*)

Garden to Graveyard: American Samoa in John Kneubuhl's *Think of a Garden*

Christos Theofiliannakos (*UC San Diego*)

Islands Ecotones: Mediating the Tide of Change in the Mediterranean during the Long 19th Century

Megan MacDonald (*Koç University Istanbul*)

When Water becomes Wall: A Critical Re-thinking of Liquidity in the Mediterranean

12.30-13.15 Keynote Address by Elizabeth DeLoughrey (UCLA)

Maritime Futures of the Anthropocene

13.15-14.15 Lunch

14.15-15.00 Keynote Address by Romesh Gunesequera

Finding the Line

15.15-16.30 Transnational Ecotones

Chair: Nelly Mok (EMMA - Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier)

Anna Pehkoranta (*University of Jyväskylä*)

Literary Ecotones: Transgressive Asian American Fiction by Chang-rae Lee, James Janko, and Jessica Hagedorn

Clara Rachel Eybalin Casseus (*MIGRINTER – Université de Poitiers*)

Creolization, Citizenship and Mobilities: The Case of Haitian Associations in Guadeloupe and Martinique

Claire Gallien (*IRCL Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier*)

From Colonial Condominium and Post-Colonial Nation-States to Literary Ecotone: The Reconfiguration of Space in Leila Aboulela's *Lyrics Alley*

16.30-17.00 Tea and Coffee

18.00-19.15 A Reading at the Auditorium du Musée Fabre

Romesh Gunesequera, in Conversation with Judith Misrahi-Barak and Thibault Prieur

20.00 Conference Dinner at the Restaurant Le Duo

Saturday June 13

9.30-10.45 Urban Cartographies of the Ecotone

Chair: John Hawley

Magali Compan (*The College of William & Mary*)

Street Art and Palimpsest Memories on Reunion Island

Frederick Staidum Jr (*Muhlenberg College*)

An American Ecotone: Post/Colonial Pastiche and Early Cartographies of the Louisiana Purchase

Charles Joseph (*Université d'Angers*)

Rereading the Origins of Postmodern Urbanity: Los Angeles Coming of Age or the Result of Mediatized Colonization

10.45-11.15 Tea and Coffee

11.15-12.30 Biopolitics and the Ecotone

Chair: Judith Misrahi-Barak (EMMA Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier)

Wendy Harding and Jacky Martin (*CAS Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès et Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier*)

Ecotones or Fields of Force?: Mutations in the Tule Lake Region (USA)

Vanessa Agard-Jones (*Yale University*)

Body Burdens: Genealogies and Geographies of Biopower in Martinique

Anny-Dominique Curtius (*University of Iowa*)

Cannibalizing the Blue Guide and Conceptualizing the Morne: Suzanne Césaire's Creolized Ecopoetics

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.45 From Destruction to Regeneration: Reenchanted the Ecotone?

Chair: Elizabeth DeLoughrey

Aparajita Nanda (*UC Berkeley*)

Destruction to Regeneration: Octavia Butler's *Oankali and the Hindu Trinity*

Caroline Durand-Rous (*Université de Perpignan et Université Bordeaux-Montaigne*)

Going Places and Going Native: Reinventing Totems in David Treuer's Novels

Bénédicte Meillon (*Université de Perpignan*)

Postcolonial and Ecocritical Readings of Liminality in Linda Hogan's *Solar Storms* and *People of the Whale*

15.00 Concluding Remarks and Looking Ahead



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