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# GNEL/ASNEL

## Protokoll der ordentlichen Mitgliederversammlung

### vom 2. Juni 2011 an der Universität Hannover

Der 1. Vorsitzende Prof. Dr. Mark Stein eröffnet die Mitgliederversammlung um 16.25 Uhr.

#### TOP 1: FESTSTELLUNG DER BESCHLUSSFÄHIGKEIT DER MITGLIEDERVERSAMMLUNG

Der 1. Vorsitzende stellt fest, dass alle Mitglieder satzungsgemäß zur Mitgliederversammlung eingeladen wurden und 43 Mitglieder anwesend sind. Nach § 7.6 der Satzung ist die Beschlussfähigkeit der Gesellschaft gegeben, wenn ein Viertel aller Mitglieder bei der Versammlung anwesend ist. Da dies nicht der Fall ist, beschließt die Versammlung einstimmig und satzungsgemäß ihre Beschlussfähigkeit.

#### TOP 2: FESTLEGUNG DER ENDGÜLTIGEN TAGESORDNUNG

Vorstand und Beirat bitten darum, einen Punkt 11 neu einzufügen: GNEL-MITGLIEDSCHAFT FÜR VORTRAGENDE AUS GNEL-AFFINEN FÄCHERN.

Es bestehen keine weiteren Änderungswünsche; die den Mitgliedern am 19.5.2011 zugesandte Tagesordnung wird mit dieser Ergänzung einstimmig angenommen.

#### TOP 3: PROTOKOLL DER MITGLIEDERVERSAMMLUNG VOM 15. MAI 2010 (UNIVERSITÄT BAYREUTH)

Peter Marsden korrigiert die falsche Schreibweise von Christian Mair in TOP 11. Das Protokoll vom 15.5.2010 (Universität Bayreuth), veröffentlicht in ACOLIT Nr. 66 (Juli 2010), S. 2-6, wird nach Korrektur einstimmig angenommen.

#### TOP 4: MITTEILUNGEN DES VORSTANDES

1. Der 1. Vorsitzende berichtet, dass der Vorstand seit der vergangenen Jahrestagung in Bayreuth dreimal getagt hat: im Juli 2010 in Münster; im März 2011 in Frankfurt a.M. und im Juni 2011 in Hannover. Themen der Vorstandarbeit waren neben Jahrestagungen, Summer School und Jahrbuch auch der Mitgliederzuwachs der GNEL, *Acolit*, die GNEL-Webseite, GNEL-Mitglieder als DFG-GutachterInnen, sowie das anstehende Ranking der Anglistik durch den Wissenschaftsrat.
2. **Mitgliederstand:** Der 1. Vorsitzende begrüßt die seit der letzten Mitgliederversammlung neu eingetretenen Mitglieder und verliest ihre Namen: Ana Sobral, Brigitte Glaser, Manfred Loimeier, Nicole Falkenhayner, Cornelia Bär, Caroline Kögler, Verena Warden, Federico Fabris, Sandra Heinen, Geoff Rodoreda, Sibel Aydin, Julia Hoydis.

Der 1. Vorsitzende begrüßt die FörderpreisträgerInnen als neue Mitglieder: Michael Westphal (Förderpreis), Andrea Juliette Mair (Anerkennungspreis), Marijke Köhler (Anerkennungspreis). Weiterhin sind auf der Tagung eingetreten: Vanessa Borsky, Karsten Levihn, Anja Schwarz.

Ohne die Hannover-Eintritte haben wir jetzt 264 Mitglieder.

Ca. 100 Mitglieder bezahlen ihre Beiträge nicht: Konten sind erloschen und/oder Adressen stimmen nicht mehr. Dadurch gehen der Gesellschaft viele finanzielle Mittel verloren und Rückbuchungen kosten die GNEL zusätzlich Geld.

3. Der **ACOLIT-Newsletter** wird ab 2011 nur einmal im Jahr im Sommer als Druckausgabe erscheinen; die Inhalte (inkl. Lehrbericht für das lfd. Jahr, Jahresbibliographie für das vergangene Jahr, Tagungsankündigungen, Tagungsberichte) des Heftes sollen sich nicht ändern. Einige in ACOLIT enthaltene Informationen sollen auf gnel.de zusätzlich online gestellt werden, insb. Jahresbibliographie und Lehrbericht.
4. Die Datenpflege der **GNEL-MAP** erweist sich als ist zu aufwändig, denn die Mitglieder stellen ihre aktualisierten Daten nicht zur Verfügung. Es gibt daher jetzt eine vereinfachte GNEL-MAP, die nur auf einzelne Arbeitsbereiche (inkl. Institute, Centers, Lehrstühle, Professuren) nicht aber auf einzelne Mitglieder verweist. Die Profile von Mitgliedern wurden offline gestellt.
5. Carla Müller-Schulzke stellt Veränderungen auf der GNEL Webseite vor. Sie berichtet, dass die GNEL **Facebook** beigetreten ist und sie dort ein Profil erstellt hat, das sie kurz zeigt. Die **ACOLIT-Webseite** wurde in die GNEL-Webseite integriert. Katja Sarkowsky berichtet über eine neue Seite mit **Links zu anderen Organisationen** auf der GNEL-Webseite. Die Organisationen, die bei uns verlinkt worden sind, werden angeschrieben und gebeten, uns auch auf ihrer Webseite als link zu führen.
6. Katja Sarkowsky berichtet weiterhin, dass drei **Konferenzberichte** für die Konferenz in Bayreuth geschrieben wurden: Kathy-Ann Tan im *European English Messenger* 20.1 (2011), 80-81; von Merle Richter in *Acolit* 66 (2010), 12-14; und Yvonne Zips/Natalia Zemliack in *Acolit* 66 (2010), 10-12. Katja Sarkowsky dankt den Autorinnen für ihre Berichte zur Tagung in Bayreuth, sowie denjenigen, die über die Jahrestagung in Hannover einen Bericht schreiben werden.
7. Ellen Grünkemeier berichtet über die Vorbereitungen der **Summer School „Spaces of Projection“** vom 5. bis 9. September 2011 in Bern und Basel.
8. **Aussprache:** Rainer Emig berichtet, dass säumige Mitglieder im Anglistenverband drei Mahnungen unter Androhung des Erlöschen der Mitgliedschaft erhalten. Ein ähnliches Verfahren für säumige Mitgliedern gibt es auch in der GNEL, nur etwas weniger rigide. D.h. von der Möglichkeit, Mitglieder auszuschliessen, wird nur recht selten Gebrauch gemacht. Nicht zahlende Mitglieder erhalten jedoch weder Jahrbuch noch ACOLIT, bis die

Beiträge bezahlt sind. Die Struktur der GNEL-Mitgliedschaft unterscheidet sich von der des Anglistenverbands: es gibt auch studentische Mitglieder, die oft umziehen. Die GNEL möchte junge Mitglieder nicht „verprellen“.

#### TOP 5: ENTGEGENNAHME UND GENEHMIGUNG DES GESCHÄFTS- UND KASSENBERICHTS 2010/2011

Der Geschäfts- und Kassenbericht 2010/2011 wird von der Schatzmeisterin Sissy Helfff vorgestellt. Der Gewinnsaldo des Jahres 2010 beträgt 102,43 EUR. Es wurden Spenden von Routledge (280,15 EUR) und von Koeltz Books (40,00 EUR) angenommen. Es wurden die Druckkosten für drei Jahrbücher (13, 14, 15) bezahlt. Die GNEL e.V. hatte am 31.12.2010 insgesamt ein Guthaben von 34.511,68 EUR (Sparbuch, Kasse, Girokonto).

**Aussprache:** Jochen Petzold fragt, ob wir die Gemeinnützigkeit riskieren, wenn wir so viel Guthaben haben. Weiterhin: 101,57 EUR Zinsen für ein Sparbuchguthaben von 33.574,51 EUR seien zuwenig.

Sissy Helfff erklärt, dass wir das Guthaben abbauen sollten, da wir ein gemeinnütziger Verein sind und keinen Gewinn erwirtschaften dürfen. Jetzige Maßnahmen sind: *travel bursaries*, Förderpreise, erhöhte Darlehen für die Summer School.

Weitere Anregungen sind: ein Promotionspreis (ca. 3.000 EUR Anschubfinanzierung, anschließend Sponsoren); Förderpreis für Examensarbeiten zweimal pro Jahr; den angedachten Promotionspreis auf 1000 EUR limitieren; die Finanzbürgschaft für Konferenzen auf 1000 EUR erhöhen; die GKS (Gesellschaft für Kanada-Studien) gibt z.B. bis zu 1000 EUR Druckkostenzuschuss für kanadarelevante Monographien und Editionen, die von Mitgliedern erstellt werden, und bis zu 1250 EUR für kanadarelevante Tagungen, die von Mitgliedern organisiert werden.

Weitere Nachfragen zu Rückbuchungen, geplanten Ausgaben und Einnahmen für 2011 werden vom Vorstand beantwortet.

Claudia Perner regt an, im nächsten Kassenbericht zwischen gezahlten und noch ausstehenden Mitgliedsbeiträgen zu unterscheiden.

Der Kassenbericht wird genehmigt.

#### TOP 6: BERICHT DER KASSENPRÜFER

Die KassenprüferInnen Jörg Heinke und Katrin Berndt erheben nach sorgfältiger Kassenprüfung keinerlei Einwände und beantragen die Entlastung des Vorstands.

Der 1. Vorsitzende bedankt sich bei den KassenprüferInnen.

#### TOP 7: ENTLASTUNG DES VORSTANDES

Der Vorstand wird einstimmig mit 6 Enthaltungen (Mitglieder von Vorstand und Beirat) entlastet.

#### TOP 8: WAHL VON VORSTAND UND BEIRAT

Frank Schulze-Engler wird als Wahlleiter vorgeschlagen und einstimmig gewählt. Es wird kurz erwogen, vier statt drei Beiratsmitglieder zu wählen. Es wird dann einstimmig beschlossen, dass der Beirat weiterhin aus drei Personen bestehen wird.

*Wahl des Vorstandes*

**1. Wahlgang – 1.Vorsitzende/r: Kandidat Prof. Dr. Mark Stein.**

Der Kandidat wird mit 40 Ja-Stimmen und einer Enthaltung einstimmig gewählt.

**2. Wahlgang – 2.Vorsitzende/r: Kandidat Prof. Dr. Lars Eckstein**

Vor dem zweiten Wahlgang betreten zwei Mitglieder den Raum. Der Kandidat wird mit 38 Ja-Stimmen und 5 Nein-Stimmen gewählt.

**3. Wahlgang – Schatzmeister: Kandidat Michael Westphal**

Der Kandidat wird mit 41 Ja-Stimmen und 2 Nein-Stimmen gewählt.

*WAHL DES BEIRATES*

Als Kandidatinnen für den Beirat stehen zur Wahl: Prof. Dr. Katja Sarkowsky, Dr. Ellen Grünkemeier, Carla Müller-Schulzke und Prof. Dr. Kylie Crane. Es werden Katja Sarkowsky (38 Stimmen), Ellen Grünkemeier (32) und Kylie Crane (28) in den Beirat gewählt. Carla Müller-Schulzke erhält 26 Stimmen.

Der neu gewählte Vorstand und Beirat dankt den Mitgliedern für das entgegengebrachte Vertrauen.

Den Gepflogenheiten der GNEL entsprechend leitet der bisherige Vorstand und Beirat weiterhin die Mitgliederversammlung.

**TOP 9: WAHL DER KASSENPRÜFER**

Claudia Perner und Dr. Jörg Heinke werden einstimmig bei 2 Enthaltungen als KassenprüferInnen gewählt.

**TOP 10: NOMINIERUNG EINER JURY FÜR DEN GNEL-FÖRDERPREIS 2012**

Peter Marsden, Michael Meyer und Susanne Mühleisen werden einstimmig bei 2 Enthaltungen als Jury gewählt. Amtszeit: ein Jahr.

Mark Stein dankt der Förderpreis-Jury 2011 für die geleistete Arbeit.

**TOP 11 (NEU) GNEL-MITGLIEDSCHAFT FÜR VORTRAGENDE AUS GNEL-AFFINEN FÄCHERN**

Der Vorstand schlägt vor, dass zukünftig alle Vortragenden auf GNEL-Jahrestagungen auch Mitglieder der Gesellschaft sein sollten und ihre Beiträge bezahlt haben sollten. Diese Regelung ist in vielen wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaften üblich (z.B. EAACLALS, MLA). Vortragende, die noch kein Mitglied sind, würden durch die Tagungsveranstalter gebeten werden, die Mitgliedschaft zu beantragen. Ausnahmen bilden *keynote speakers* und weitere geladene Sprecher, Vortragende aus nicht-GNEL-affinen Fächern und in den *Under Construction Workshops*.

Dieses Modell wurde in Hannover bereits ausprobiert. Jana Gohrisch berichtet, dass sie Vortragenden, die noch kein Mitglied waren, eine Mitgliedschaft nahegelegt habe und dass alle so gebeten Personen Mitglied geworden sind; diese Idee hätte also in Hannover gut funktioniert und es habe keinerlei Widerspruch und auch keine Nachfragen gegeben.

Frank Schulze-Engler ergänzt, dass auch ausländische Vortragende (die nicht

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aus Deutschland, Schweiz und Österreich kommen) von der Regelung ausgenommen werden sollten.

Es gibt eine längere Debatte, ob wir auf diese Weise neue Mitglieder rekrutieren können, einige sind dafür, einige melden Bedenken an.

Auf Nachfrage berichtet Mark Stein, dass auf der Jahrestagung in Münster (2009) lediglich ca. ein Drittel der Vortragenden GNEL-Mitglieder waren.

Wir stimmen über folgenden Beschluss ab: Vortragende auf GNEL-Jahrestagungen aus Deutschland, Schweiz und Österreich müssen die GNEL-Mitgliedschaft vor der Tagung beantragen und ihre Mitgliedschaftsbeiträge beglichen haben, bevor sie ins Programm aufgenommen werden. Diese Regelung gilt nicht für *keynote speakers*, andere eingeladene Sprecherinnen und Sprecher, Vortragende aus nicht-GNEL-affinen Fächern sowie Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer an den *Under Construction Workshops*.

25 Ja-Stimmen, 11 Nein-Stimmen, 7 Enthaltungen. Der Beschluss wird somit angenommen.

#### TOP 11: JAHRESTAGUNG 2012 IN BERN, 2013 IN CHEMNITZ, SOWIE WEITERE JAHRESTAGUNGEN

Barbara Buchenau entschuldigt die Mitveranstalterin Virginia Richter, die verhindert ist, trägt zur geplanten Tagung vor und erläutert den CfP, der verteilt wird. Die Tagung findet vom 18.-20. Mai 2012 zum Thema „Post-Empire Imaginaries? Anglophone Literature, History and the Demise of Empires“ statt. *Keynote speakers* sind Alfred Hyatt (London), Donna Landry (Kent), Shalini Randeria (Zürich) und Ann Stoler (New York).

**Email: asnel2012@ens.unibe.ch; Webseite: [www.gnel2012.ens.unibe.ch](http://www.gnel2012.ens.unibe.ch)**

Das Thema wird durch die Mitgliederversammlung einstimmig bestätigt.

Cecile Sandten berichtet zu den Vorbereitungen der Tagung 2013 und verteilt den CfP. Die Tagung findet vom 9.-11.Mai 2013 zum Thema „Re-Inventing the Postcolonial (in the Metropolis)“ statt. Als *keynote speakers* sind Anthony D. King und Rolf Goebel eingeladen. Die eingeladenen AutorInnen sind Amit Chaudhuri und Suketu Mehta. Das Thema wird durch die Mitgliederversammlung einstimmig bestätigt.

Lars Eckstein bietet an, die Jahrestagung 2014 zusammen mit Anja Schwarz und Dirk Wiemann in Potsdam zum Thema „Postcolonial Justice“ auszurichten. Es ist geplant, die Tagung zusammen mit der Gesellschaft für Australienstudien (GAST) durchzuführen. Über die Jahrestagung 2014 soll auf einer zukünftigen Mitgliederversammlung entschieden werden.

#### TOP 12: SUMMER SCHOOL 2011 IN BERN UND BASEL

Patricia Bieder berichtet zum Stand der Vorbereitungen und erläutert das Programm. Sie bittet GNEL-Mitglieder, für die Summer School mit den mitgebrachten Flyern an den Heimatunis Werbung zu machen, weil noch Plätze zur Verfügung stehen.

### TOP 13: DISKUSSION UND MEINUNGSBILD ZU EINER MÖGLICHEN UMBENENNUNG DER GESELLSCHAFT

Nachdem auf der Jahrestagung in Bayreuth schon darüber gesprochen wurde, ob die Bezeichnung „Gesellschaft für die Neuen Englischsprachigen Literaturen“ noch zeitgemäß ist, soll diese Frage im Rahmen der Mitgliederversammlung diskutiert werden. Tobias Döring schlägt vor, dass die Gesellschaft über eine Namensänderung nachdenken sollte, weil besonders die Begriffe „Neu“ und „Literaturen“ im wissenschaftlichen Diskurs zunehmend problematisch geworden und nicht mehr zutreffend seien. International aber auch in Deutschland habe sich diese Begrifflichkeit nicht etablieren können.

Es schließt sich eine längere und intensive Diskussion an. Nahezu einhellig wird die Problematisierung der zwei Begriffe im Namen der GNEL geteilt. Es gibt zahlreiche Befürwortungen aber auch klare Gegenstimmen sowie folgende Wortmeldungen: Vorschlag „Literaturen“ in „Literaturen und Kulturen“ umbenennen; „Postcolonial Studies“ im Namen zu führen. Einwände dagegen: die GNEL müsse sich von der britischen PSA auch namentlich absetzen (Postcolonial Studies Association); die GNEL braucht (weiterhin) ein einprägsames Akronym; der Wiedererkennungswert ist wichtig und wäre mit „Postcolonial Studies“ gegeben; „Postcolonial Studies“ ist jedoch eine Bezeichnung, die auch als problematisch erachtet werden kann. Der Name der Gesellschaft soll unsere zentralen Arbeitsfelder anzeigen und identitätsstiftend sein. Der bestehende Name ist aber enger als das gegenwärtige Tätigkeitsfeld der GNEL, Postcolonial Studies wiederum beschreibt mehr Arbeitsfelder, als nur die der Gesellschaft. Schadet eine Umbenennung der Wiedererkennung? Wir sind eine weltoffene Gesellschaft, was jedoch von außen wegen unseres Namens nicht wahrgenommen würde; der Name spricht LiteraturwissenschaftlerInnen innerhalb der Anglistik (und Amerikanistik) an; KulturwissenschaftlerInnen und Angehörige anderer Philologien und weiterer Disziplinen werden vom bestehenden Namen nicht angesprochen.

Als Fazit der Diskussion wird festgehalten, dass die Frage einer zutreffenden und wirkungsvollen Bezeichnung der Gesellschaft den anwesenden Mitgliedern sehr wichtig erscheint. An die vernehmliche Dynamik der Diskussion soll spätestens auf der nächsten Jahrestagung angeknüpft werden.

### TOP 14: VERSCHIEDENES

Rainer Emig erinnert daran, dass die GNEL-Tagung wieder zeitgleich mit der CDE-Tagung (The German Society for Contemporary Theatre and Drama in English) stattgefunden hat, und dass einige Mitglieder eigentlich an beiden teilnehmen möchten. Mark Stein hatte wegen dieser Terminüberschneidung mit Eckart Voigts-Virchow korrespondiert; allerdings haben sich beide Gesellschaften schon seit längerem auf den Termin an Christi Himmelfahrt eingestellt.

Die EAACLALS Post-Graduate Konferenz findet am 26.-27. August 2011 in London unter dem Titel “Reworking Postcolonialism: Globalization, Labour and Rights” statt. Frank Schulze-Engler ist als Keynote Speaker eingeladen.

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Pete Marsden bedauert, dass es seit 2 Jahren keine *conference warmings* mehr gibt. In Bern soll es 2012 wieder ein *conference warming* geben.

Kylie Crane verweist auf den CfP der GAST-Tagung in Stuttgart nächstes Jahr.

Der 1. Vorsitzende dankt den ausscheidenden Vorstand- und Beiratsmitgliedern Tobias Döring, Sissy Helfff und Carla Müller-Schulzke für ihre geleistete Arbeit.

Um 19.11 Uhr schließt der 1. Vorsitzende die Mitgliederversammlung.

Protokollantin: Dr. Kerstin Knopf (Greifswald)

Gezeichnet: Prof. Mark Stein, 1. Vorsitzender  
Prof. Lars Eckstein, 2. Vorsitzender

## **Should GNEL/ASNEL be Renamed? Call for contributions to Blog and ACOLIT special issue**

At the ASNEL/GNEL conference in Hanover earlier this year, one of the items for discussion in the Annual General Meeting was the name of the association itself. It quickly became apparent that this discussion deserves further attention and a forum to give the different ideas that emerged there greater justice. In this regard, the ASNEL Board has elected to create two different forums: An internet platform, using the template of a weblog, and a special issue of ACOLIT, both devoted to this discussion.

For this purpose, a weblog has been established, which can be viewed and contributed to under

**[www.21stCenturyASNEL.wordpress.com](http://www.21stCenturyASNEL.wordpress.com)**

This blog, as weblogs have come to be known, offers a forum that we hope will foster a continued dialogue on the issues surrounding the name of our association. The advantages we see in the blog include the capacity for response and dialogue, the broad audience the blog can potentially reach, the less formal forum, as well as the typical advantages of print media (relative permanence, non-present audience, time for reflection and editing in preparation for one's own responses). All statements can be commented on in real time by all viewers (although these comments will be mediated in order to minimize unsolicited responses/spam). Longer texts can be uploaded by emailing them to the coordinator of the blog, Kylie Crane:

**crane@uni-mainz.de**

A special issue of ACOLIT edited by Mark Stein and Frank Schulze-Engler to be published in early 2012 will bring together lengthier statements contributing to this debate. If you are interested in having your text circulated in the ACOLIT special issue, please send your texts to

**m.stein.gnel@gmail.com**

and

**schulze-engler@nelk.uni-frankfurt.de**

The deadline for the special issue is January 10, 2012.

## Call for Papers

### "Post-Empire Imaginaries? Anglophone Literature, History and the Demise of Empires"

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual GNEL / ASNEL Conference  
University of Berne, Switzerland  
May 18 - 20, 2012**

The topics of recent GNEL/ASNEL conferences have variously engaged with issues relating to spatiality, (dis)location and globalization. In the ensuing debates space and performance have proven to be important and extremely productive parameters for postcolonial theory and practice, but history has taken a backseat. While space continues to be an important parameter for postcolonial theory and practice, there is an increasing need to understand how the meanings of specific locations are constituted by the stories and histories woven around them, in other words, how spaces are the results of social and political interaction in time. To disregard the historical dimension of space is to divest it of its specificity. Against the trend advocating the spatial turn, we therefore propose to reconsider historicity as a central, and indispensable, aspect of postcolonial studies. The term 'post-empire' has been chosen to provide a sharper definition to an otherwise almost limitless field and to critically reflect upon the amount of nostalgia and commodified yearning that is still attached to the idea of empire, despite decades of cutting-edge postcolonial scholarship and theorizing.

At the same time, however, 'empire' allows to explore the most diverse resonances, from Hardt and Negri's Neo-Marxist model of a limitless global 'imperium' to specific historical formations. In the context of postcolonial studies, the British Empire will constitute the nodal point of the conference; however, we want to open up the discussions for comparative approaches. By linking 'post-empire' to its 'imaginaries', we want to stress not only the historical and geographical variability, but the variety of creative and psychological engagements with the idea of empire. Empire has a concrete material side, connected with bioprospecting, trade, linguistic and cultural domination, but it is also a site of imaginary social creation, of desire and anxiety, of fictions and fantasies.

Sections can include:

- comparative views of empire: the afterlife of the Imperium Romanum in modern discourse, competitive imperialisms from the early modern period to the nineteenth century (Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, British imperial expansion), Neo-Imperialism (USA, China)
- material imperialism: scientific voyages, bioprospecting, the exchange of material goods in the service of the empire; mercantile empires and trading companies; the transformation of indigenous flora and fauna, agriculture and economy in the interests of imperial trade

- 'the Empire writes back': postcolonial critiques, rewritings, and fusions of European discourses of empire
- post-empire heritage: marketing the British Empire, living history, nostalgic travelling, heritage films and fictions, imaginaries of the Raj, Victorian nostalgia, British Empire Shops, post-empire British cuisine
- theorising the Empire: the figurative dimension of Empire, transnational imaginaries, Empire and language, connections to World Literature and Cosmopolitanism

The conference will include workshops on the intersections of Anglophone literature, history and the demise of empires in teaching and research in secondary and tertiary education. It will also provide the opportunity to present work in progress on all levels of academic qualification in the "under construction" and poster sessions.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

- *Alfred Hiatt*, Reader in Medieval Literature and Culture, Queen Mary, University of London, U.K.
- *Donna Landry*, Professor of English and American Literature, University of Kent, U.K.
- *Ann Stoler*, Willy Brandt Distinguished University Professor of Anthropology and Historical Studies, New School for Social Research, New York, U.S.A.

Please send abstracts of papers (20 min., 200 words), proposals for organizing one of the workshops, or suggestions for the presentation of work in progress to the conveners:

**Prof. Dr. Barbara Buchenau and Prof. Dr. Virginia Richter**

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The call for papers will close on January 31, 2012.

## "Postcolonial Studies across the Disciplines"

### A Report on the 22nd Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of New Literatures in English (ASNEL/GNEL) University of Hanover, 2-4 June 2011

For the second time since ASNEL's foundation and its annual meetings, the Conference took place at the Leibniz University of Hanover. Speakers from different countries and academic fields were asked to answer questions on "which factors influence the choices of material and methodology, how to react to globalization and its impact on the regions they work on and how do the new media and especially the rise of the World Wide Web shape teaching and research agendas" (Call for Papers). On my part, I was very much looking forward to this event for two reasons in particular: First, I have known the university and the organisers since the Summer School "Connecting Cultures" in 2009 and I have kept this week full of inspiring lectures and seminars in very good memory. Secondly, this was going to be my first time to present my dissertation in public in the "Under Construction" section.

In her opening address Jana Gohrisch, convener of this year's conference, welcomed the numerous guests and invited them to "look at the world from another perspective". With respect to the huge diversity of disciplines within Postcolonial Studies, Jana Gohrisch emphasised the conference's self-reflexive aspect and encouraged the participants to critically reflect their own disciplinary and individual methodologies for a successful interdisciplinary cooperation. Adding to this, Mark Stein, in welcoming the participants in the name of ASNEL, stressed the changes the status of the postcolonial was undergoing, it being located in various arenas and reshaping disciplines. He made us aware about the postcolonial's transdisciplinary impetus not only to the humanities but also to sociology, ecology, anthropology and economics. Interestingly, he pointed out that the "nature of the text" had changed and that the "national paradigm" had become increasingly complicated since cultural products were travelling through time and space.

Following the inaugural speeches and the award ceremony, the "Under Construction" panels took place. I attended this section in the audience last year in Bayreuth and found it to be a nice context in which to present one's own work. From my experience there I expected a rather small group of PhD students who were interested in exchanging their knowledge and first experiences in writing a dissertation. This year it was slightly different. The conference was scheduled in such a way that there was no other panel running simultaneously, which I think was a great idea. That way the organisers made sure that the majority of the guests - meaning not only the fellow doctoral students but also professors and other "advanced" academics - participated in this section. Of course, this large audience

added to my nervousness, but I take it as a clear sign of how much ASNEL cares about promoting and supporting young researchers. I have to say that by placing "Under Construction" in that time slot the section lost its marginal character and gained in importance and quality. I really benefitted from this improvement and the positive feedback helped to move on. For the next years' conferences I hope that this format will be retained.

The title of this year's conference reflected especially well in the selection of the three keynote lectures. The American Studies scholar Sabine Broeck (Bremen) delivered the first keynote on "Gender and the Modern Abjection of Blackness: Wollstonecraft's Feminism and what Slavery Had to Do with it". She pointed out the necessity of "decolonizing the humanities" and of including the history of slavery in the analysis of modernity as well as in gender theory. Being interested in gender and women's studies and in the (post-)colonial history of the Caribbean/Black Atlantic myself, this lecture was my personal highlight. Tim Watson from Miami, who talked about "Postcolonial Studies and Atlantic Studies: Interdisciplinary Reflections on Slavery and Empire", combined Literary and Cultural Studies with historiographic approaches. Jessica Hemmings from Edinburgh, the third keynote speaker and a specialist in Textile and Literary Studies, gave her paper on "Postcolonial Textiles: Negotiating Dialogue". As Frank Schulze-Engler rightly pointed out this interdisciplinary approach challenged traditionally established borders of the disciplines and moved beyond the humanities.

One thing that should not be left unsaid is the reading by Bernardine Evaristo, in cooperation with the Literarische Salon. Evaristo read from her verse novel *Lara* and her novel *Blonde Roots*. This was also the world premiere of the first drafts of the novel's German translation read by the German voice-over artist of Whoopi Goldberg, whom you could easily imagine being in the room when you closed your eyes. The reading followed by a glass of wine on the balcony of the 14<sup>th</sup> floor of the Conti building was just the perfect ending of a long but very inspiring and thought-provoking day.

If I were to critique one thing it would be the conference dinner at Zwischenzeit. I really enjoyed the get-together but it was simply overpriced. If I remember correctly there was a discussion about the adequate amount for the dinner (which it was not) so that also those with only a small budget were able to attend. Hopefully next year, the organisers will take this into consideration. Besides that it was a successful conference with a very convenient timeframe. The number and topics of panels were perfectly chosen with panel headings ranging from "Postcolonial Re-readings of British and American Literature", "Production of Knowledge in the Caribbean", "Writing and History in Postcolonial Africa" to "Dynamics of Participation in Popular Cultur", just to name a few.

Thanks to Jana Gohrisch, Ellen Grünkemeier, Henning Marquardt, Ute Reuter and a great team of students for a perfectly organised, well scheduled and memorable conference.

**Wiebke Beushausen (Heidelberg)**

## Conference Report

### “Postcolonial Studies across the Disciplines”, GNEL/ASNEL Annual Conference, University of Hanover, 2-4 June 2011

It is all a matter of perspective: on the one hand, white women in the 19<sup>th</sup> century were oppressed by a male society and therefore victims; on the other hand, these women were also part of the enslaving system and hence belonged to the oppressors of the African people. Similarly, the Enlightenment stood for emancipation, liberty and equal rights, excluding, however, people of African origin from these rights. It is always a matter of perspective and that is exactly what this year's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual GNEL/ASNEL conference set as a task for itself: providing new and critical reflections on both the themes and methodologies that have characterized Postcolonial Studies. Bringing together diverse disciplines was a key concern of the conference as the title “Postcolonial Studies across the Disciplines” already indicated. Disciplinarity and interdisciplinarity were topics that were extensively dealt with and that also became evident in the wide range of disciplines that were represented by the speakers, namely African Studies scholars, sociologists, historians, British and American literary and cultural studies scholars and even a textile scholar. Altogether Jana Gohrisch and her organising team from the University of Hanover welcomed more than 130 participants from India, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, the United States, Austria, Switzerland and Germany. The conference dealt with topics like slavery and emancipation, literary genres in India or Australia as well as the influence of Postcolonial Studies on the various disciplines themselves.

A ‘different’ perspective was proposed by Sabine Broeck in her keynote lecture on “Gender and the modern abjection of blackness: Wollstonecraft’s feminism and what slavery had to do with it”. Sabine Broeck argued that the European Enlightenment has avoided tracing its own roots in the history of enslavement and oppression; she therefore emphasized the need to include the history of enslavement into definitions of modernity. In her slightly provocative talk, Sabine Broeck called for ‘white consciousness’, i.e. she reminded us to be aware of our own responsibility in the history of enslavement and to develop a critical mind towards our own traditions and their foundations – both in academia and in everyday life. Broeck further indicated that slaves have always been ‘othered’ and treated as objects, while white people have constantly claimed for themselves the position of the subject. In this context she also admonished the audience not to forget that other peoples and other cultures have other philosophies, epistemologies and theories that might differ from ours but are just as valid.

The second keynote lecture on “Postcolonial Studies and Atlantic Studies: Interdisciplinary Reflections on Slavery and Empire”, given by Tim Watson from Miami, tied in with Sabine Broeck’s lecture as far as white subjectivity was con-

cerned. Watson raised the question of how to write the history of enslavement 'from below' with 'white' reference sources only. He called for an approach across disciplines, asking us to pay more attention to the narrative forms of the enslavement stories. The same holds true for fictional texts which, according to Watson, are also crucial to understanding historical contexts. All in all, Transatlantic Studies are in need of further input from postcolonial literary studies, and Postcolonial Studies can benefit from including historiographical as well as transatlantic approaches.

In the refreshing third and final keynote "Postcolonial Textiles: Negotiating Dialogue", Jessica Hemmings from the Edinburgh College of Art introduced us to the world of textiles. With her expertise in the often gendered and marginalized field of Textile Studies and her literary approach she cuts across the borders of established disciplines. For Hemmings, the fascination of textiles lies in their ubiquity. Since textiles are all around us, they have a great impact on us and our environment. She argued that textiles are a form of communication insofar as they contain 'hidden' messages that are not necessarily expressed in writing. They can thus depict 'linguistic' fragments from an exploitative past. Jessica Hemmings stated that a possible approach could be to read textiles as a form of literature, but from a non-literary, non-textual perspective, teaching us how to negotiate dialogue "across disciplines".

A welcome change to the academic papers was provided by two readings. In the first reading, the Australian-Czech writer Libor Mikeska read passages from his yet unpublished novel *Neurotically Yours*, in which the male protagonist living in Melbourne provides insights into an 'Australian way of life' as well as into his psyche which frequently catapults him into Kafka's Prague in 1922. The second reading, organised in cooperation with the *Literarischer Salon*, presented the British-Nigerian writer Bernardine Evaristo who read passages from two of her novels: *Blonde Roots* sets up a parallel universe and presents a reversed historical perspective by giving an answer to the question 'What would have happened if Africans had enslaved the Europeans and not the other way around?' The novel *Lara* is based on Evaristo's biography as she traces her Nigerian-English-Irish-Brazilian family history. In her novels, Evaristo not only moves between the realms of fact and fiction but also between genres by combining verse and prose. In keeping with the tradition of the *Literarischer Salon*, the author was supported by the German actress Regina Lemnitz who read or rather performed passages from Evaristo's novels in German translation.

Other highlights of this year's GNEL/ ASNEL conference programme included the 'Under Construction' panel where young researchers had the opportunity to present their PhD projects in order to receive feedback on their work in progress, as well as the Teachers' Workshop and the Round Table Discussion. Both the Teachers' Workshop and the Round Table Discussion were characterized by questions of (inter)disciplinarity and how Postcolonial Studies are and can be institutionalised. Two academics from the audience pointed out that one of the difficulties young scholars with an interdisciplinary background and training encounter frequently is how to find a post in academia with its strict disciplinary

orientation. The members of the Round Table agreed that it might therefore be important and helpful for young researchers if Postcolonial Studies became institutionally rooted as a discipline. However, if Postcolonial Studies were established as a separate discipline, it might lose its interdisciplinary diversity and creative productivity. In response to this debate, GNEL/ASNEL's president Mark Stein presented another point of view when he remarked that the discussion should not so much be about (inter)disciplinarity but rather about the research projects as such. He therefore suggested "to go beyond" the question of disciplinarity. "To go beyond" was an idea that was voiced more than once: some speakers proposed to have a debate about the application of 'European' frameworks, names and terms to non-European contexts. According to some of the speakers, it might even be time to leave the 'postcolonial' era and find alternative frameworks that mark the end of 'postcolonialism'.

Throughout the panels and readings, the participants could enjoy the view over Hanover that provided a spectacular background for the conference held in the 14<sup>th</sup> floor of the Conti building. All in all, the GNEL/ASNEL 2011 presented three tightly scheduled conference days with 32 papers in 11 panels, none of which was cancelled. Unfortunately, the tight schedule did not leave enough room for discussion after the individual lectures and panels, although more than once the desire and also the need for further discussion were perceptible in the audience. For upcoming conferences it would therefore be desirable to allow extra time for questions and discussions to promote scholarly exchange among the participants.

In conclusion one can say that the emphasis on self-reflexivity and (inter)disciplinarity at this year's GNEL/ASNEL conference made obvious that no matter what our research fields look like or which discipline we come from we should always keep in mind that there is more than one perspective and scholars from all disciplines can be inspired by and benefit from this diversity of approaches.

**Johanna Lal & Lena Rindermann (Hanover)**

## **"Postcolonial Studies across the Disciplines"**

### **A Report on the 22nd Annual ASNEL Conference at Leibniz University Hanover, 2-4 June 2011**

What is Postcolonial Studies? Is it a discipline, a field of research or a particular approach to literary and cultural studies, informed by a specific theoretical and methodological background? These questions, raised by Mark Stein in his presidential address, were among the words that introduced this year's 22nd ASNEL conference which aimed to focus on issues connected to the (inter- and trans-)disciplinarity of Postcolonial Studies. Under the heading "Postcolonial Studies across the Disciplines", the Hanover conference brought together over 130 participants from Africa, Europe, India and the United States, who were encouraged to present work ranging across various disciplinary perspectives and with an explicit self-reflexive impetus. The decision to put matters of interdisciplinarity at the focus of the conference resonates with the current ubiquity of the term in the (European) academic landscape, where calls for cooperation across disciplinary lines as well as for the adoption of interdisciplinary methodologies are no longer only put forward as an ideal, but increasingly integral to research trends in the humanities. ASNEL has not coincidentally operated in this context for a long time, as the concept of interdisciplinarity – if understood as the attempt to counter the biases of individual disciplines by the inclusion of additional perspectives – easily relates to Jana Gohrisch's characterisation of Postcolonial Studies as "allow[ing] us to look at the world from another perspective, to perceive things differently" (Inaugural Address). For us as students of interdisciplinary master's programmes, the Hanover conference provided the chance to explore the diverse disciplinary, theoretical, thematic as well as institutional contexts of Postcolonial Studies and to make these rather abstract considerations more concrete. Being able to meet not only other students, but also post-graduates, professors and authors from all around the globe offered a rare and precious opportunity for fruitful exchange of ideas and helped us to further our own understanding of and research in this field.

As was to be expected from a conference that centred on matters of research and teaching from multiple perspectives, the papers presented in each of the 13 panels focused on a wide array of different topics, areas and regions, with panel titles ranging from (but obviously not limited to) "Production of Knowledge in the Caribbean" and "Postcolonial American Studies" to "Dynamics of Participation in Popular Culture", "Negotiating Genres in India" and "Postcolonial Animals". While the individual panels provided numerous occasions to see interdisciplinary approaches put to work, the three keynotes by Sabine Broeck (Bremen), Tim Watson (Miami) and Jessica Hemmings (Edinburgh) also brought their own distinct perspectives to the conference.

In what turned out to be perhaps the most provocative of the keynotes delivered in Hanover, Sabine Broeck, in her paper titled “Gender and the modern abjection of blackness: Wollstonecraft’s feminism and what slavery had to do with it”, argued for a re-evaluation of the history of modernity and Enlightenment from the perspective of slavery. Drawing on impulses from critical whiteness studies, Broeck pointed to a paradox in the scholarly engagement with the relationship between modernity and slavery. While much historiographical research has been done that considers the systems of slavery and enslavement as integral and formative to the development of modernity and capitalism, the humanities have paid little to no attention to that relationship and its impact on modern philosophy. The ‘enlightened subject’, Broeck stated, arose as a distinctly European white male (and later female) one, with white subject positions set as ‘default’ positions. However, reflections about the abject or ‘inhumaned’ status of the enslaved have not entered the dominant strands of critical theory (in both its Frankfurt School or poststructuralist versions) or Gender Studies, which inform much of the work done in Postcolonial Studies. For Broeck, this gap has troubling consequences for a contemporary critical engagement with early feminisms like Mary Wollstonecraft’s, which necessarily operated within and against a hegemonic (white, male) discourse from which the situation of the enslaved was kept apart. Broeck thus generally argued for an increased scholarly self-reflexivity in the study of this ‘enslavist’ dimension of modernity.

Tim Watson, the second keynote speaker, opened Friday’s programme with a somewhat less provocative, though certainly not less instructive paper on “Post-colonial and Atlantic Studies: Interdisciplinary Reflections on Slavery and Empire.” Watson opened his talk with a consideration of the academic discourse about the history of slavery and the Atlantic world, noting that much of the research done in this area usually relies on conventional historiographical methodologies. For him, this already existing body of work could be enriched by infusing a more ‘literary’ methodology. Since most of the historical documents and sources were usually produced for and by white creoles and thus do not give a voice to the enslaved, he raised the question how conventional historiographical approaches can successfully contribute to a postcolonial perspective that tries to understand slave revolts in the contexts of enlightenment and abolition. Watson convincingly argued for a crossing of the boundaries between literary and historiographical methodologies in order to make sense of the ‘white silence’ about slave uprisings. In turn, literary studies can benefit from a historiographical exploration of the contexts of literary production. Watson aptly demonstrated this by considering how the work of the British novelist Barbara Pym can be seen as influenced by the institutional practices of her employer, the International African Institute in London.

From yet another angle, Jessica Hemmings’ keynote speech on Saturday, entitled “Postcolonial Textiles: Negotiating Dialoge”, also contributed to a great extent to the conference’s interdisciplinary approach, as she argued for the inclusion of Textile Studies as a new and hitherto neglected area of interest for Postcolonial Studies. Because of the domestic connotations of their production,

textiles are easily underestimated or ignored rather than considered as works of art or as sites of cultural articulation. Postcolonial Studies can particularly benefit from this unacknowledged area of discourse, as textiles and textile art function as ubiquitous and often clandestine and potentially subversive tools of communication. Since they often contain actual written text, textiles might invite an application of literary theory. Hemmings was quick to point out, however, that the exclusive consideration of textiles in such terms might run the risk of disregarding or downplaying the specificities of their material. Hemmings argued that Postcolonial Studies – as well as literary and cultural studies in general – can only benefit from paying attention to textiles, as the functions of cloth, clothing and fabrics may also operate and be represented in various ways in literary texts.

While the keynotes were obviously among the most prominently discussed contributions, the papers presented in the individual panels, for the most part, turned out to be no less relevant for the thematic focus of the conference. The number of panellists and (often parallel) panels, however, makes it impossible to do justice to all of them, which is why we will only discuss a few somewhat arbitrarily selected talks here. After the ‘proper’ programme began with two simultaneous ‘Under Construction’ sessions on Thursday which provided PhD-candidates with the chance to present their projects to a responsive, yet critical audience, the second day continued with a panel on “Postcolonial Re-readings of British and American Literature.” Jochen Petzold, whose paper was first, opened with a critical evaluation of postcolonial readings of John Gay’s play *Polly* (1729), in which he called attention to the danger of anachronistically attributing anti-colonial meanings to now classic texts which would not have been accessible to historical audiences. A similarly outspoken self-reflexive approach was put forward in the paper by Frank Schulze-Engler on Saturday, in which he suggested that Postcolonial Studies’ preference for the exploration of colonial themes may obfuscate recent developments in post-independence African literatures which are no longer exclusively concerned with matters of empire and decolonisation. Another of Saturday’s panels also provided the opportunity to hear papers presented by members of a currently ongoing interdisciplinary research project at Leibniz University of Hanover, which focuses on the Caribbean and Africa after the abolition of slavery from the perspectives of both historiography and literary studies.

Discussions about the general institutionalisation of Postcolonial Studies in the German educational system and the methods of teaching Postcolonial Studies at schools were another integral part of the conference. While the latter was also the explicit focus of a teachers’ workshop, it was in a roundtable with contributors from different academic and administrational backgrounds as well as a secondary school teacher from Hanover that Stein’s introductory questions about disciplinarity were taken up again, as the discussion centred on the institutionalisation of Postcolonial Studies. While the roundtable did not achieve consensus on the question whether the creation of Postcolonial Studies departments or specific MA programmes would help to advance the field, it was perhaps Sabine Broeck’s closing statement that was the most memorable. For her, the question should not

be whether to establish Postcolonial Studies as a discipline or not. Instead, one of the main challenges is to engage in a de-colonial pedagogy, in universities as well as in schools, that does not only include the (post)colonial ‘Other’ into the curricula but explores white subject positions in a self-reflexive manner and hence produces white discomfort.

Despite the slightly tight schedule and the warm weather which did not always further our concentration, the conference left us with much food for thought. As expected, the accompanying readings by Libor Mikeska and Bernardine Evaristo proved to be a welcome addition to the conference programme. Thanks to the combined efforts of Jana Gohrisch, Ellen Grünkemeier, Henning Marquardt and Ute Reuter as well as their six student helpers, the different aspects of the programme were brought together in a well-balanced and productive manner. Not least because of the association’s openness towards contributions of young scholars, valuable insights into the world of academia and the generally friendly atmosphere, we are sure that this year’s ASNEL conference was not our last.

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