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Transcultural Readings
World Literatures in Dialogue

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

12 April 2024

Symposium Program

AUTh Central Library Amphitheatre

Friday 12th April, 2024

Venue: AUTH Central Library Amphitheatre

9.15-9.45 SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATIONS

9.45-10.00 OPENING REMARKS

10.00-10.45 (online)

Chair: Lydia Efthymia Roupakia (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Title: “the felt intensities of life”: Edith Wharton’s Affective Distinctions Between Europe and America

Speaker: Cynthia J. Davis (University of South Carolina, Fulbright Scholar 2024)

10.45-11.30

Chair: Tatiani Rapatzikou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Title: Like It’s 1999: American Literature and Globalism Revisited

Speaker: Arthur Redding (York University)

11.30-11.45 COFFEE BREAK

11.45-12.30

Chair: Lydia Efthymia Roupakia (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Title: Crisis, Spectacle, and Refusal in Canadian Refugee Narratives

Speaker: Smaro Kamboureli (University of Toronto)

12.30-13.15

Chair: Sophia Emmanouilidou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Title: Viet Thang Nguyen’s “Just Memory” and The Future of Transculturalism

Speaker: Theodora Tsimpouki (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

13.15-13.45 COFFEE BREAK

13.45-14.15 PLAYREADING

Chair: Zoi Detsi (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

“Joint Owners in Spain” (1925) by Alice Brown

Playreading Conducted by “Bald Theatre,” (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Performers: Anastasia Anagnostopoulou, Eleni-Christina Georgiadou, Chrysi-Maria Skrimpa, Fotini Tsakiri, Violeta Tsiligiri, Zoe Chatzimoisiadou

14.15-15.00

Chair: Zoi Detsi (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Title: **Depicting Dementia in a Century of American Drama**

Speaker: Dorothy Chansky (Texas Tech University, Fulbright Scholar 2024)

15.00-15.45 BREAK – MOVING FROM CENTRAL LIBRARY AUTH AMPHITHEATRE TO SEMINAR ROOM (308, SCHOOL OF ENGLISH, AUTH)

15.45-16.30 (online)

Chair: Tatiani Rapatzikou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Title: **Literature in the Service of Fight with War Trauma – A Case Study**

Speaker: Magdalena Paluszkiewicz-Misiaczek (Jagiellonian University)

16.30-17.15 (online)

Chair: Sophia Emmanouilidou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Title: **Historiographic Metafiction and Epistemological Discourse(s) in Alejandro Morales’ Literary Work**

Speaker: Alejandro Morales (University of California, Irvine)

17.15-17.30 CLOSING REMARKS – END OF SYMPOSIUM

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