

Call for papers: InterTexts – a one-day conference on interdisciplinarity

Durham University, Durham, UK

Friday, 23rd September 2011

Abstract submission deadline: **10th June 2011**

The tradition of working across disciplinary boundaries has a long history: literature and visual arts, literature and philosophy, literature and psychology, all feature prominently in the field of literary studies. At present, when humanities face escalating funding challenges and a constant requirement to justify and validate the research carried out, literary scholars increasingly look at other disciplines, expanding their field of inquiry and contributing to a proliferation of research in areas such as literature and law, literature and science, literature and medicine, literature and ecology.

This conference aims to give postgraduate and early career researchers working on interdisciplinary projects an opportunity to present their work and contribute to the discussion on the developments of interdisciplinary research within literary studies. Alongside traditional panels, we will be offering workshops that deal with practical issues, resources and challenges of conducting interdisciplinary research within one of the five interdisciplinary fields at the core of the conference (Literature and Law, Literature and Science, Medical Humanities, Literature and Visual Arts and Literature and Music).

We invite papers focusing on any issue within one of the following interdisciplinary fields:

Literature and Law

Literature and Science

Medical Humanities

Literature and Visual Arts

Literature and Music.

We also welcome proposals discussing challenges and demands of conducting interdisciplinary research. These could include, but are not limited to: proliferation of interdisciplinary research, the value of interdisciplinarity, the future of interdisciplinarity, traditional humanities vs. interdisciplinary research, implications of interdisciplinarity for literary scholarship, traditional methodologies and interdisciplinary research, interdisciplinarity and canonisation or how, if at all, do we define canons within interdisciplinary fields.

Authors of selected proposals will be invited to submit an extended version of their paper for consideration by the editorial board of Durham's Postgraduate English journal. The papers will be considered for publication in the special issue of the journal focusing on interdisciplinarity, celebrating ten years of the journal, and coinciding with the launch of its new website.

Please send 250-300 word abstracts proposing 20 minute papers to Kaja Marczevska (kaja.marczevska@durham.ac.uk) by 10th June 2011.

Notifications of acceptance, together with more information about Postgraduate English publication opportunities will be sent by 17th June 2011.