call for papers

Challenging Colonialism and Homogenizing Modernity:
Theory, Methodology and Literary Analysis

Symposium arranged by the Border Poetics Group, University of Tromsø, in cooperation with the DINO network (Diversity in Nordic Literature), University of Tromsø, 6–9 October 2010

The organizers welcome paper proposals (title and abstract of ca 200 words + ca five keywords) which explore transformations of the present-day literary landscapes of the Nordic countries as they relate to ethnic and linguistic diversity, changing notions of gender and sexuality, migration and diaspora, as well as to histories of colonialism and homogenizing modernity. We particularly welcome contributions which investigate theoretical perspectives and methodologies which may be deployed in the analysis of emerging Nordic literatures which challenge established notions of identity, nationality and/or gender. Intersections of ethnicity/race, linguistic pluralism, senses of place/belonging, border experiences, world views/religions, regionalism, Europeanization and globalization are relevant themes for exploration in workshops. We also welcome analyses of various aspects of diversity in Nordic literatures. The deadline for paper proposals is 20 June, 2010. Please mail proposals with your name and institutional affiliation to: anne.heith@uit.no

Keynote speakers:
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