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**Monday 21 June 2021**

**9.00 - 10.30 Session 1 - Parallel Panels**

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| Meeting ID: 980 4456 4439  Password: **616150** | Meeting ID: 960 3871 4557  Password: **634090** |
| *The Gaze*  **Chair: Mel Gibson** | *Comics as Art*  **Chair: Laurence Grove** |
| Surangama Datta  (University of Bristol)  “A Vision in Ink: Female Gaze in Women’s Underground Comix” | Gareth Brookes  (University of the Arts in London)  “On the Same Page - Materiality in Comics, Artists Books and Concrete Poetry” |
| Jason Dehart  (Appalachian State University)  “Exploring Self and Otherness through *The Witch Boy* and *Nightlights*” | Julian Lawrence  (Teesside University)  “21st Century Winter Journey: Exploring Comics, Adaptation and Community Art Education” |
| Chunwei “Harold” Liu  (University of Glasgow)  “From homosocial gaze to female gaze: the transformation of masculinity from American comic industry to Chinese fan culture in superhero narratives” | Emmy Waldman  (Harvard University)  “Torpedo Boy vs. Guston: Reading Race in Comics/Art” |

**10.45 - 11.15 session 2 – parallel panels**

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| *Marvel and DC*  **Chair: Laurence Grove** | *Gender*  **Chair: Surangama Datta** |
| Andrea Hormaechea Ocaña  (University Complutense of Madrid)  “The American Way of Life in *Captain America*” | Joan Ormrod  (Manchester Metropolitan University)  “’It’s fun-it’s new and it’s all for YOU’: Modernity and the Active Female Body in *Mirabelle* 1964-1967” |
| Oskari Rantala  (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)  “Seductive Materiality and Suggestive Metatextuality of *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*” | Teresa Ferreiro-Peleteiro  (Universidade de Vigo)  “A story of many: Defining feminist testimonial comics through the analysis of *Becoming/Unbecoming* by Una” |
| Liam Burke  (Swinburne University of Technology, Australia)  “Harley Quinn and the Fantabulous Emancipation of Comic Book Fandom” | Lars Wallner and Robert Aman  (Linköping University)  “Challenging Gender Norms with Comics in the Classroom” |

**11:30-12:30:**

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**12.30 – 1.30 Lunch break**

**1.30 – 3.00 Session 3 - Parallel Panels**

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| *The Canon and Gatekeepers*  **Chair: Barbara Postema** | *Presenting the Self*  **Chair: Joan Ormrod** |
| Michael Connerty  (The National Film School @ Dun Laoghaire)  “’What the Editor Says’: Engaging the British Comics Readership in the 1890s” | Juliana Cofrancesco  (University of Exeter)  “Raping America: How Organized Groups Within the United States are the Breeding Grounds for Corrupt Leadership” |
| Laurence Grove  (University of Glasgow)  “The New Canon: *Here*, *Rusty Brown*, and *Venon Subutex*.” | Iria Ros-Piñeiro  (Universidad de València)  “Learn and normalize diversity and empathy through the reading and understanding of comics” |
|  | Irina Richards  (Oxford Brookes University)  “Panels in Frames: how does exhibiting my comics affect my validity as a comics artist?” |

**3.15 – 3.45 session 4 – parallel panels**

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| *Libraries*  **Chair: Sara W. Duke** | *Spanish Comics*  **Chair: Julia Round** |
| Lorisia MacLeod and Jonathan Anuik  (The Alberta Library and University of Alberta)  “With Great Comics Comes Great Responsibility: Learners, Librarians, and the Use of the Comic” | Álvaro M. Pons-Moreno, Viviane Alary, and Jesús Jiménez-Varea, Universitat de València  (Université de Clermont-Aubergné and Universidad de Sevilla)  “iCOn-MICS: Investigation on comics and graphic novels in the Iberian cultural area” |
| Robin Moeller  (Appalachian State University)  “A ‘shelf of censorship’ and ‘safe’ collections: U.S. high school librarians discuss their graphic novel selection practices” | Álvaro M. Pons-Moreno and Noelia Ibarra-Rius  (Universitat de València)  “Teaching with comics: training educators to use comics in the classroom” |
| Waldomiro de Castro Santos Vergueiro and Maria Jaciara de Azeredo Oliveira  (Escola de Comunicações e Artes da Universidade de São Paulo)  “Librarian, make a meme!: using memes as a tool for the promotion of library collections and reading mediation of comics” | Álvaro M. Pons-Moreno and Noelia Ibarra-Rius  (Universitat de València)  “From paper to walls: the new paradigm of comics in museum” |

**4.00 – 5.15 Keynote Lecture 1**

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| ***Keynote Lecture*** |
| Sara W. Duke, Library of Congress  “A century of collecting international comics: Cartoon art at the Library of Congress”  Introduced and chaired by Laurence Grove |

**Tuesday 22 June 2021**

**9.00 – 10.30 Session 5 - Parallel Panels**

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| *Digital Media*  **Chair: Joan Ormrod** | *Japan*  **Chair: Joe Sutliff Sanders** | *Cultural, Personal, Technological History*  **Chair: Armelle Blin-Rolland** |
| Linda Berube  (City, University of London  British Library)  “Consuming *and* Engaging? Readers and UK Digital Comics” | Rodrigo García Aparicio and Angela Osorio-Guzman  (University of Burgos, Spain, and Burgos University Healthcare Complex)  “Otaku: roles of comic fandom in teenagers’ identity conformation” | Dana Mihailescu  (University of Bucharest)  “Monsters, Sexuality, the Holocaust and Late 1960s American Culture in Emil Ferris's *My Favorite Thing Is Monsters. Book I* (2017)” |
| Priyanka Rajbongshi (Kingston University London)  ​“Imaging the contemporary social media trends through graphic novels” | Meriel Dhanowa  (University of Glasgow)  “He Saw It: The Childish Illustrations of a Horrific Childhood in *Barefoot Gen*” | David Pinho Barros  (Universidade do Porto / Universidade Católica Portuguesa)  “The Poetics of Malfunction: Technology going Wrong in Postwar Comics and Cinema” |
| Lukas R.A. Wilde  (Tübingen University)  “Bursting Bubbles: Nadja Hermann’s *Emoticomix* and its Polarized Online Audiences” | Ayelet Peer  (Bar Ilan University, Israel)  “Learning classics from Japan” | Elizabeth Benjamin  (Coventry University)  “e-xistential Legacies: Web Comics and the Art of Philosophy” |

**10.45 – 11.15 session 6 – parallel panels**

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| *Cultural Identities*  **Chair: Priyanka Rajbongshi** | *Spanish-language Comics in Two Continents*  **Chair: David Pinho Barros** |
| Nicole Furtado  (University of California – Riverside)  “Galaxies like Islands, Islands like Galaxies: Envisioning Futurity through Indigenous Cosmogony” | Andrea Aramburú Villavisencio  (University of Cambridge)  “Traveling constellations: intermedial travels in Nacha Vollenweider’s *Notas al pie* (2017) and Victoria Rodriguez’s *Quisiera haber sido arqueóloga en Perú en la década del 30* (2019)” |
| Debadrita Saha  (Presidency University)  “’Would we not be truly happier without the borders that freedom brings?’ - Reading the Animal Metaphor for unity in diversity in *Chotu: A Tale of Partition and Love*” | Pilar Heredia Manzano  (Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (Argentina))  “How to become a popular Argentinean comic character in the 1980s” |
|  | Jacobo Hernando Morejón  (Universidad de Málaga)  “They are not us: readings about Al-Andalus in the modern Spanish graphic novel.” |

**11.30 – 1.00 Keynote Lecture 2**

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| ***Keynote Lecture*** |
| Kate Charlesworth, “Making It Up as I Go Along: An Uncurated Career”  Introduced and chaired by Laurence Grove |

**1.00 – 2.00: LUNCH BREAK**

**2.00-2.30: Mentoring session**

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**2.45 – 4.15 Session 7 - Parallel Panels**

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| *Paratexts to Comics*  **Chair: Mel Gibson** | *Nostalgia and the Past*  **Chair: Simon Grennan** |
| Sara Dallavalle  (University of Chicago)  “’Letters to the Editor’: how to re-construct the socio-cultural profile of Italian comics readers in the 1980s” | Barbara Postema  (Massey University, Aotearoa New Zealand)  “Haunted by Tradition: Ilan Manouach and the Ghosts of BD Past” |
| Alex Fitch  (University of Brighton)  “Cross-Sections as a narrative tool in comics” | Giorgio Busi Rizzi  (Universiteit Gent)  “Seduction of the innocence: comics fandom and nostalgia” |
| Katie Kessler  (University of Oxford)  “Rotten girls and beautiful boys: exploring Japanese fan-comic culture” | Cat Watts  (University of Cambridge)  “Make Mine Medieval: A Genealogy of Arthurian Romance and American Comics” |

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**Wednesday 23 June 2021**

**9.00 – 10.30 Session 8 - Parallel Panels**

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| *India*  **Chair: Ernesto Priego** | *Ethics and Activism*  **Chair: Ian Horton** |
| Amrita Singh  (University of Delhi)  “Graphic Knowledge and Situated Reading: Visualizing Kashmir in Malik Sajad’s *Munnu: A Boy from Kashmir*” | Debanjana Nayek  (Presidency University)  “Resisting and communicating through Art: Using Graphic narratives at Protest sites and in Hashtag Activism” |
| Shivani Sharma  (Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar)  “Indian Superheroes as Metaphors: Framing Narrative Spaces in Raj Comics” | Johannes C.P. Schmid  (Europa-University Flensburg)  “Documentary Comics, Audiences, and Representing the Other: Ethics and Persuasion” |
| Aswathy Senan  (Independent scholar out of Delhi, India)  “Environmental Norms Violation in India: Graphic Responses for Mass Resistance” | Dragos Manea  (University of Bucharest**)**  “’Divine the future, but beware of ghosts’: Implicated Subjectivity and the Ethics of Empathy in *The New Adventures of Hitler* (1989)” |

**10.45 – 11.15 session 9 – parallel panels**

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| *Digital Comics*  **Chair: Simon Grennan** | *Otherness*  **Chair: Ernesto Priego** |
| Tasos Anastasiades  (European University Cyprus)  “Deconstructing 'The Traveller' - Current technologies and digital tools to create comics.” | Ian Horton  (London College of Communication)  “What was that ‘Black’ in ‘Harlem Heroes’?” |
| Daniel Goodbrey  (The University of Hertfordshire)  “How to Cheat at Comics: Digital alternatives to traditional techniques for comic illustration” | Bartosz Nowicki  (Ulster University)  “Representations of 'Race’ in Polish Press Comics 1960 – 1970” |
| José Andrés Santiago Iglesias  (Universidade de Vigo)  “Postdigital manga: Aesthetic and narrative transformations brought about by the digital age” |  |

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**12.30-1.30: Lunch Break**

**1.30 – 3.00 Session 10 - Parallel Panels**

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| *Transformations*  **Chair: Julia Round** | *Adaptation*  **Chair: Armelle Blin-Rolland** |
| Dominick Grace  (Brescia University College)  “Misogyny in *Cerebus*” | Safa Alshammary  (University of Granada)  “The Adaptation of *Arabian Nights* through a Neo-Orientalist Lens” |
| Paddy McCabe  (Northeastern University)  “The Diary of Karen Reyes: Personal Narrative as Re-Creation in *My Favorite Thing Is Monsters*” | Mari Nilsen Skogsrud  (Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences)  “(Re)framing Hamsun: Martin Ernstsen’s comic book adaptation (2019) of Knut Hamsun’s *Hunger* (1890)” |
| Jaideep Unudurti  “Gods and Monsters: Indian Mythological Comics in a Time of Change” | Kin-Wai Chu  (KU Leuven, Belgium)  “When ‘Let it go’ becomes ‘Let’s eat cakes’ in Cantonese: Siuhak’s comic adaptation of Disney’s *Frozen*” |

**3.15 – 3.45 session 11 – parallel panels**

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| *Readerships*  **Chair: Michael Connerty** | *Eco-Social Comics*  **Chair: Robin Moeller** |
| Barbara Chamberlin  (University of Brighton)  “What we do in the shadows: silhouettes, comics and reader space” | Armelle Blin-Rolland  (Bangor University)  “Ecographics: Environmental Activism in and through French-language comics” |
| Danielle Schwertner  (University of Glasgow)  “Combining Audiences: The *Glasgow Looking Glass*, Visual Satire and the Transformation of the Periodical Structure” | Manuel Zaniboni  (University of Verona)  “Building Ecological Awareness through *The Rime of the Modern Mariner* and Its Graphic Warnings” |
|  | Alessia Mangiavillano  (Coventry University, UK)  “Why comics are important for NGOs: Linking migration advocacy with a popular storytelling medium” |

**4.00 – 5.15 Keynote Lecture 3**

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| ***Keynote Lecture*** |
| Lara Saguisag, City University of New York-College of Staten Island “Toxic Lessons: When Oil Spills into Children’s Comics”  Introduced and chaired by Joe Sutliff Sanders |

**Thursday 24 June 2021**

**9.00 – 10.30 Session 12 - Parallel Panels**

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| *Childhood*  **Chair: Mel Gibson** | *Gender*  **Chair: Ian Horton** |
| Benoît Crucifix (Ghent University)  “Reading and Drawing: Traces of Childhood Bedephilia” | Mihaela Precup  (University of Bucharest)  “’The regular guy as sexual predator’: Representing Familiar Perpetrators in Drawing Power: Women’s Stories of Sexual Violence, Harassment, and Survival” |
| Dona Pursall  (Ghent University)  “Why are you laughing?: Children's Comics, Conflict and Community” | Vasiliki Belia  (Maastricht University)  “Sensible Footwear: redrawing the relationship between lesbian and queer feminism” |
| Eva Van de Wie  (Ghent University)  “(Not) corresponding with child readers in early-twentieth-century comics magazines *Corriere dei Piccoli* and *TBO*” | Simon Grennan  (University of Chester)  “’The Irony of the Situation’: imagining a new readership of young urban women, in word and image, in *The Girl of the Period Miscellany*, 1869.” |

**10.45-11.15: Mentoring session**

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**11.30 – 1.00 Keynote Lecture 4**

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| ***Keynote Lecture*** |
| Kazumi Nagaike, Oita University, Japan “Queer Seduction in Japanese “Essay Manga”: An Analysis of Manga Physicality and Gay, Lesbian and *Fujoshi* Eroticism”  Introduced and chaired by Joe Sutliff Sanders |

**1.00 – 2.00: Lunch Break**

**2.00 – 3.30 Session 13 - Parallel Panels**

**These 20-minute papers will be delivered in full, followed by Q&A**

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| *Making Readers See*  **Chair: Jesse Prevoo** | *Colonialism*  **Chair: Laurence Grove** |
| Paul Fisher Davies  (East Sussex College Lewes)  “The Audience in the Text: Addressees of Lynda Barry” | Alicia Lambert  (UC Louvain)  “(Mis)Leading the Reader: Decolonizing Adventure Comics in Cassiau-Haurie and Baruti’s *Le Singe Jaune*” |
| Lisa Macklem  (University of Western Ontario/King's University College)  “Learning to Read the Gutters: Copyright, Comics, and Audiences” | Robert Aman  (Linköping University)  “Ridiculous Empire: Satire and European Colonialism in the Comics of Olivier Schrauwen” |
| Annick Pellegrin  (University of Mauritius)  “Bob le cowboy !: Revealing industry realities to readers” | Stuart Blair  (Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia)  “’The politics of Tintin…’: Context, stereotypes, representations, and controversies in the early adventures of Tintin”. |

**3.45 – 4.15 session 14 – parallel panels**

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| *Eastern Asia*  **Chair: Mel Gibson** | *Making Narratives*  **Chair: Laurence Grove** |
| Gabriela-Alexandra Banica  (SOAS)  “Introducing Taiwanese Comics to English-Speaking Audiences: ‘Books from Taiwan Issue 3 Winter 2015: Comics’ Case Study | Rebecca Rosenberg  (King’s College London)  “Graphic histories of French psychiatry: narrativising memories of the HP, 1968-1982” |
| Madhurima Nargis  (Kazi Nazrul University)  “Archiving Hibakusha in Comics: A close reading of Atomic Bomb Survivors in Keiji Nakazawa’s *Ore WA Mita*” | Ernesto Priego  (City, University of London)  “Comics Studies, Twitter and Audiences: Monitoring Online Engagement with *The Comics Grid: Journal of Comics Scholarship*” |
| Robert Rozema  (Grand Valley State University)  “More Readers than Representatives: Autistic Audiences, Stereotypes, and Aesthetics” | Jesse Prevoo  “Comic books are not hot: potential sites for reader interactions in comic books” |

**4.30 – 5.00: Pub Quiz:** Meeting ID: 980 4456 4439; Password: **616150**

**Friday 25 June 2021**

**9.00 – 10.30 Session 15 - Parallel Panels**

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| *Readerly Experiences*  **Chair: Mark Hibbett** | *Contemporary Issues and Activism*  **Chair: Dragos Manea** |
| Marietjie Botes  (University of Luxembourg)  “Comics. Seriously!? How to engage sophisticated and educated audiences” | Partha Bhattacharjee and Priyanka Tripathi  (Amity University Patna and Indian Institute of Technology Patna)  “Comics and COVID-19: Bridging the Social/Physical Distancing through Superhero in the Post-Infection India” |
| Clari Searle  (University of the Arts London)  “Creating ‘Funnies’ with Incongruity Theory for Higher Education Pedagogy” | Alisha Mathers  (University of Southampton)  “Agents of the Camp: Graphic Novel Representations Refugee Camp Domestic Spaces and the (Im)Possibility of Creating Sanctuary” |
| Essi Varis  (University of Helsinki)  “Is It Alive? Comic Book Characters as Readerly Experiences” | Hollie Rowland  (Independent scholar)  “Getting Past Iconic Solidarity - A Comics Studies Approach to Blackout Tuesday and Post-Colonial Protest” |

**10.45 – 11.15 session 16 – parallel panels**

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| *Making Comics Our Own*  **Chair: Joan Ormrod** | *Beyond the Printed Page*  **Chair: Andrea Aramburú Villavisencio** |
| Lisa Maya Quaianni Manuzzato  (WOW Spazio Fumetto – Museo del Fumetto di Milano)  “Readership as a community. Festivals in DIY comics” | Mark Hibbett  (University of the Arts London)  “Discovering Doom: approaches to measuring transmedia characteristics” |
| Abhilasha Gusain and Smita Jha  (Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Uttarakhand)  “Foregrounding the Personal Histories: Representation and Practices in Clement Baloup’s *Vietnamese Memories*” | Valentina Monateri  “Sydney Padua’s *The Thrilling Adventures of Lovelace and Babbage* as a research sample between Literary Criticism and Digital Humanities” |

**11.30 - 12.30 Conference farewell**

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