

# Tropes of Theory

Annual workshop of the Research Committee on Literary Theory of the International Comparative Literature Association

Berlin, October 20-21, 2023

Venue: Leibniz Center for Literary and Cultural Research (ZfL), Pariser Str. 1, 10719 Berlin, Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Convenors: Zaal Andronikashvili (ZfL) and Susanne Strätling (FU Berlin)

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## Program

### October 20

10:00 Welcome

10:15-12:15 Panel I: Figuring Theory

Chair: Susanne Strätling

Robert Young (New York University): Theory as Trope

Divya Dwivedi (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi): Theory and the Trope of *Reading*

Rok Benčin (ZRC SAZU Ljubljana): The Miracle of Analogy and the Displacement of Concepts

Robert Stockhammer (LMU Munich): Synecdoche and Representative Anecdote (Kenneth Burke) in Theory

12:15 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Panel II: Mining the History of Tropology

Chair: Natalya Bekhta (Tampere University)

Amy Li Xiaofan (University College London): Illumination: The Solar Trope in Literary Theory from a Comparative Perspective

Susanne Strätling (FU Berlin): Poetics as Energetics? Trajectories of Modern Literary Theory

Anne Duprat (Université de Picardie-Jules Verne): Elegance, or: How Stylish Can Literary Theory Be?

Maya Kesrouany (NYU Abu Dhabi): Figural Hauntings in Contemporary Arabic Literary Theory

*15:30 Coffee break*

*16:00-17:30 Panel III: Reading Tropes*

Chair: Maya Kesrouany

Stefan Willer (HU Berlin): Ties: Metaphors of Postcritique

Woosung Kang (Seoul National University): Reading Freud Reading: How Blindness Drives Theories

Marco Caracciolo (Ghent University): Tropes for Complexity in Literary Theory

*18:30 Joint dinner at Kuchel-Eck, Ludwigkirchplatz 1, 10719 Berlin*

**October 21**

*10:00-11:30: Panel IV: Politics of Tropes*

Chair: Anne Duprat

Ivana Perica (ZfL): Polysemy of 'the Political'

Davide Giuriato (Universität Zürich): Drastic: Breakdown of Tropes? (Jankelevitch, Abbate, Dath)

Zaal Andronikashvili (ZfL): Small and Minor: Figures of Minority in the System of World Literature

*11:30 Closing remarks*

*12:30-13:30 Business meeting*