**Call for papers**

**Conference on Southern Modernities, 2-3 April 2012**

***Patryspoort na buite***

**University of Pretoria**

On 2 March 2012 the Faculty of Human Sciences at the University of Pretoria (UP) launched a research project titled “Southern Modernities” with three papers presented by Willie Burger (Afrikaans literature), Elfriede Dreyer (Visual Arts) and Russel West-Pavlov (English literature). On 2-3 April the conference, *Patryspoort na buite*, originally an initiative of the Department of Afrikaans at UP (<http://www.up.ac.za/afrikaans>), will provide a forum for a continuation of the interdisciplinary Faculty project on Southern Modernities.

Abstracts for papers devoted to aspects related to Southern Modernities and Modernisms are awaited from all disciplines represented in the Humanities and the Social Sciences. The conference will include (but will not be limited to) the following topics:

* The various manifestations of modernist concerns in contemporary literature, art and music from the South;
* Interrogations of the Southern-Northern binary and the influential position of European and American thinking about modernity/modernism;
* Hybrid modernities that co-exist in the global South;
* The presumed reliance of modernity on the colonial other as a premise for self-definition;
* Globalisation as a possible basis for a revival of particular strands present in modernism/modernity;
* Points of articulation between the various “posts” and “isms”: modernism, postmodernism, postcolonialism, posthumanism;
* Established and emerging new universals within the arts and philosophy in relation to (Southern) modernities;
* Southern modernities and the boundaries between humans and non-humans (e.g. animals and technology);
* Apocalyptic, utopian and dystopian thinking in the arts and philosophy.

**Submission of abstracts**

Abstracts of papers and presentations (both formal and informal) of approximately 300 words, should be submitted by **21 March**. Prof Andries Visagie (andries.visagie@up.ac.za) is the contact person for all correspondence related to the conference. Abstracts should also contain the following information:

* Title of proposed paper/presentation
* Name of the presenter(s)
* E-mail address of the presenter(s)

In addition to formal presentations, papers that focus on initial explorations and possibilities for further research are also welcome. Graduate students are encouraged to participate in the conference.

**Conference date**

From 8:30 on 2 April participants in the first leg of the conference devoted to Afrikaans and Dutch modernisms (and cognitive linguistics) will present their work (the Afrikaans call for papers is available on <http://www.up.ac.za/afrikaans>).

The interdisciplinary leg of the conference on Southern Modernities will commence at 8:30 on 3 April and, depending on the number of papers, it will end no later than 18:00.

**Registration costs**

The registration costs amount to R250 per day. Participants who register for both legs of the conference will be liable for a total sum of R500. Preferably, the registration fee should be paid by **23 March**. Electronic transfers are welcome and the relevant account details are: University of Pretoria, ABSA Bank, Hatfield branch, reference: A02216/03557. Participants are requested to send proof of payment by e-mail to Ms Tercia Klopper (Tercia.Klopper@up.ac.za). The registration fee can also be paid directly to the organisers from 8:30 on both days of the conference.

**Conference venue**

The symposium will take place in Conference Room 100 (Conference Centre, Hatfield campus of the University of Pretoria).

**Accommodation**

Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

The Protea Hotel Hatfield (<http://www.proteahotels.com/protea-hotel-hatfield.html>) is within walking distance of both the Hatfield campus of the University of Pretoria and the Gautrain station in Hatfield. The Protea Hotel Hatfield Apartments (<http://www.proteahotels.com/protea-hotel-hatfield-apartments.html>), also situated reasonably close to the Gautrain station in Hatfield, has larger rooms available.

Guesthouses in the vicinity of UP include:

Birdwood Boutique Estate (<http://www.birdwood.co.za/>)

Kirkness Gastehuis (<http://www.kirknessguesthouse.co.za/>)

Information on guesthouses in Brooklyn (in the immediate vicinity of UP) is available on: <http://www.qwerty.co.za/guest/suburbs/brooklyn.htm>.

**Transport**

Participants are responsible for their own transport. The Gautrain provides comfortable transport between the O.R. Tambo Airport and the Gautrain Hatfield Station (walking distance to UP) between 5:30 and 21:30: <http://www.gautrain.co.za/>.

**Contact details**

The Afrikaans Department of the University of Pretoria is responsible for the orgnanisation of the conference. Address all correspondence to Prof Andries Visagie (andries.visagie@up.ac.za).

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