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2008 Conference Organisers: Jill Lovecy and Barbara Lebrun

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Modern and Contemporary France

Journal news

Editorial Board Vacancies

Applications are invited for membership of the Editorial Board of *Modern and Contemporary France*. Specialists in any of the areas covered by the journal are welcome to apply and we are especially keen to hear from candidates with expertise in literary and cultural studies, gender studies, and colonialism/postcolonialism.

Members of the Board act as peer reviewers and advise on all aspects of the life of the journal. The Board meets twice a year, once in London (scheduled for Saturday 28 Feb. 2009) and once in September at the ASMCF conference.

Letters of application, accompanied by a brief CV (no more than 3-4 pages) should be sent to the Hon. Secretary of ASMCF, Dr Steve Wharton: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk by Friday 21 November.

Informal enquiries should be addressed to the Executive Editor, Dr Jackie Clarke, J.R.Clarke@soton.ac.uk

As ever, the Editors of MCF are on the lookout for high quality submissions for forthcoming issues of the journal. We encourage members of the Association to think of the journal as a potential outlet for their work. We are also keen to hear from colleagues who are willing to review books. To propose a book review or review article, please contact Vivienne Orchard (V.Orchard@soton.ac.uk). Enquiries about submitting an article should be directed to Jackie Clarke (J.R.Clarke@soton.ac.uk). Jackie.

CALL FOR PAPERS: 30th ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

‘France and the Mediterranean: representations, policy, transnationalism’

Thursday 3rd September – Saturday 5th September 2009

University of Portsmouth

This three-day conference will seek to reassess, explore and compare the multiple dimensions linking and/ or opposing modern and contemporary France with its Mediterranean neighbours both today and in the past. Amongst the themes to be considered will be:

- the growing salience of post-colonial issues both in France and in North Africa
- the reception of literary work on each side of the Mediterranean
- the renewed interest in the problematic Latin identity of France in a European and global context
- the cultural heritage of France in and from the Mediterranean

In line with the interdisciplinary approach privileged by the ASMCF, the organisers will welcome papers from a wide variety of disciplines. Papers with a comparative or transnational perspective are particularly welcome. The participation of the Association for the Study of Modern Italy (ASMI) in the 2009 ASMCF conference will ensure that particular attention is paid to the transalpine dimension.

Individual papers and panels: Individual paper proposals, if accepted, will be grouped in panels by the conference organisers. Submissions should contain the title of the presentation, a short abstract (max. 350 words), a one-page CV with the contact details of the presenter. Proposals for panels: please, contact the conference organisers. Postgraduate students are strongly encouraged to present papers. Papers may be delivered in English or in French.

Deadline: Proposals must be sent to Emmanuel Godin (emmanuel.godin@port.ac.uk) and Natalya Vince (natalya.vince@port.ac.uk) before 1 February 2009. For further details: see www.asmcf.org

ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCES 2010 and 2011

The Executive committee welcomes bids to host the Annual Conference in 2010 and 2011. For information on how to submit a proposal please consult the: **Honorary Secretary, Steve Wharton** at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

or:

Conference Officer: chris.reynolds@ntu.ac.uk

**Association for the Study of Modern and Contemporary France
North West Regional Group**

Programme 2008-2009

Wednesday 19 November 2008, 5 pm at Lancaster University

Bertrand Taithe (Manchester University)

The Making of a Disaster: Humanitarian Relief and the Politics of Missionary Enterprises in French Colonial Africa, 1868-1945

Venue: Furness LT1. For further details, please contact John Strachan:
j.strachan@lancaster.ac.uk

Wednesday 18 March 2009, 2-4 pm, at Bangor University

Barbara Lebrun (Manchester University), Ellie Sutcliffe (Bangor University) and Jonathan Ervine (Bangor University)

Music and Identity in Contemporary France

Venue: School of Modern Languages. For further details, please contact Jonathan Ervine:
j.ervine@bangor.ac.uk

FMRG: FRENCH MEDIA RESEARCH GROUP

DAY CONFERENCE no.17

University of Nottingham, Trent Building, Room B4
22 November 2008 10.15 am – 4.30 pm

Change and Continuity in the French Media

10.15 Registration and Welcome

10.45 Chris Tinker (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh)

Salut les copains (1962-76): Continuity and Change in National Identity

11.30 Kate Best (Independent, formerly Kings College, London)

Constructing the Figure of French Creativity: A Historical Perspective on the Political Function of Fashion Discourse

12.15 Jonathan Ervine (University of Bangor)

New Media and New Spaces: Kamini, Kebabs and Counter Culture

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Franck Bousquet (Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse III)

Les blogs et le journalisme politique: vers une évolution des pratiques professionnelles

15.00 Sue Collard (University of Sussex) [to be confirmed]

From collusion to regicide: the changing relationship between François Mitterrand and *Le Monde*

15.45 Round Table

16.30 Close

Contact: S.Perry@nottingham.ac.uk or M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk

IGRS CONFERENCE 11-12 JUNE 2009

Femmes engagées :

Les intellectuelles en France de 1986 à nos jours

11-12 juin 2009, IGRS (Institute of Germanic and Romance Studies), Londres

Avec la participation de

- ❖ Maire Cross (Newcastle University)
- ❖ Maggie Allison (Bradford University)

Et une table ronde avec la participation de l'écrivaine **Joy Sorman**, auteure de *Boys boys boys*, *Du Bruit*, et co-auteure de *14 Femmes pour un féminisme pragmatique*.

L'objectif de ce colloque est de dresser un portrait des formes de l'engagement féminin depuis la mort de Beauvoir et d'évaluer le rôle tenu par les intellectuelles françaises et francophones en France et dans le monde. Il s'agira d'examiner comment et pourquoi les femmes s'engagent en France, quel que soit le niveau (associatif, académique, politique) et les médias utilisés. Nous espérons, au cours de ce colloque, réévaluer le lien entre engagement et femmes intellectuelles et nous interroger sur la place jouée, et à jouer, par les femmes dans les domaines culturels, artistiques, scientifiques, sociaux et politiques à travers différentes formes d'engagement.

❖ Organisatrices :

Elise Huguency-Léger, St Andrews University (esmh@st-andrews.ac.uk)
Imogen Long, Leeds University (i.j.t.long00@leeds.ac.uk)

ASMCF INITIATIVE FUND

The Association's Initiative Fund provides small grants to individuals or institutions to help defray the cost of day schools, seminars etc., and support for postgraduate initiatives and travel (in addition to specific funding for postgraduate attendance at conferences/day schools).

The 2008 AGM approved the following recommendation.

The ASMCF will limit annual Initiative Fund expenditure to a maximum of £2000. Normally, and in most cases, this means that the maximum funding available for a single bid will be £350. Guidelines published on the ASMCF website will be amended accordingly.

The Association is particularly keen to encourage and support regionally based collaborative initiatives on the part of its members.

The relevant form can be downloaded from the website (rubric 'Funding').

Please send applications to: Honorary Secretary, Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

For consideration at the forthcoming Executive Committee meetings, **please submit bids in good time**, preferably not too close to the event in question. Forthcoming deadlines are:

- **21st November 2008**
- **28th February 2009**
- **28th August 2009**

Applications should be accompanied by relevant supporting documentation such as calls for papers and a programme of events.

Successful applicants will receive funding FOLLOWING the event and AFTER SUBMISSION of a report to the Honorary Secretary. Details of these

grants will then be posted on the website and reported in the Newsletter.

RECENT SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS:

- Sutherland: Framing narratives of the Second World War and Occupation in France 1939-2009, University of Leeds, 14-16 September 09 £300
- M.Cross: Across gender, class and cities: Sian Reynolds and History: London, Institut Français, 15 November 2009. £300
- K. Batchelor: ‘Traduire la pensée’: University of Nottingham, 25-26 March 2009 : £250

PRIZES AWARDED BY THE ASSOCIATION

Please bring these to the attention of those eligible

All three prizes are now set at £250

Brian Darling Memorial Essay Prize

The Brian Darling Memorial Essay Prize was established in memory of Brian Darling, the first Honorary Secretary of the Association.

The prize, **to the value of £250** is awarded for an undergraduate essay or dissertation which may treat a theme relevant to the Association’s concerns, in aspects of Modern French history, politics, society and culture, as well as the relationships between France and other countries, including those in the French-speaking world. The work may be written in either French or English and should not normally exceed ten thousand words.

Essays or dissertations must be accompanied by a supporting statement from a members of the Association at a UK or other university. Submissions should be made by **1 July of the year in question** to the Honorary Secretary of the Association: **Dr Steve Wharton, Department of European Studies and Modern Languages, University of Bath, Bath BA2 7AY.**

A three-person sub-committee of the Executive will be invited by the Secretary to consider the submissions and determine the award of the prize. Prize winners will be notified directly and their names announced both on the website and at the Association’s Annual general Meeting.

Further enquiries may be made from the Secretary at: **S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk**

Peter Morris Memorial Postgraduate Prize

In memory of the late Professor Peter Morris, **an award of £250** will be made to a postgraduate student to contribute towards travel costs incurred on a short research visit to France.

The terms and conditions of the Prize are as follows:

- Postgraduates applying for the award should send in an outline of their research project and the aims of their research visit to the Association's Hon. Secretary, Steve Wharton at: **S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk**. **This should be done in time for the May Executive Committee meeting.** The Executive Committee will then allocate the award and make known their decision by the end of June. Applications should be submitted in advance of the visit, which may take place at any time in the twelve months following 15 May of any year. A subcommittee convened to adjudicate the prize will look for evidence that the visit has been well planned and that the student has attempted to maximize the benefits to be drawn from the time spent in France.
 - Each student shall be required to provide a letter of support from his or her supervisor. Bids to other funding bodies, either pending or known, should be disclosed. The person to whom the prize has been awarded should provide a brief report on the visit, including details of expenses, no later than three months after return to the UK.
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THE DOUGLAS JOHNSON MEMORIAL PRIZE

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Essays or dissertations must be accompanied by a supporting statement from a member of the Association at a UK or other university. Submissions should be made by **1 July of the year in question** to the Honorary Secretary of the Association: **Dr Steve Wharton, Department of European Studies and Modern Languages, University of Bath, Bath BA2 7AY.**

- The 2008 Peter Morris Memorial Postgraduate Travel Prize (£250) was awarded to Iain Stewart (Manchester). Iain currently working on a PhD thesis entitled: *Raymond Aron and the Social Sciences in France: A Problematic Liberalism.*
- The 2008 Brian Darling Prize (£250) was awarded to Hannah Morris (Bath) for an essay on the following subject: *La prostitution est-elle une forme d'exploitation ou un metier valable pour les femmes françaises?*
- The 2008 Douglas Johnson Prize (£250) was awarded to Lewis Brooke (Newcastle) for a dissertation on the following subject: *A Reading of the Mutinies of 1917 in the French Army Through the Carnets de Guerre of Louis Barthas*

We would encourage colleagues to submit the work of students where appropriate for next year. Details on our web pages.

ASMCF WEBSITE

Changes are regularly incorporated into the website, but ideas are always welcome to enable it to be as efficient and welcoming as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact Scott Soo with your suggestions and materials.

Visit: www.asmcf.org

Contact the website officer, Scott Soo at: S.Soo@soton.ac.uk

FORTHCOMING ASMCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AGM MEETINGS

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Saturday 29th November 2008

Items for the next Executive Committee agenda and any Initiative fund bids should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk by FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2008.

Subsequent meetings: 7 March 2009; 3 September 2009

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The full membership fee is now: £44 / \$79.

The Postgraduate and Unwaged fees remain at £10/ \$18.

MEMBERSHIP EMAIL LIST

Thank you again to all those who have provided their email addresses.

There are still a few outstanding, so PLEASE SPARE A MOMENT to forward the remaining ones to me so we are able to inform colleagues as rapidly and efficiently as possible of ASMCF and other related events and news.

PLEASE also forward any change to your email and other contact details to:

Maggie Allison:

M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk

Thank you!