

Dear MESEA Saarbrücken conference participants,

We hope that you have had a pleasant summer. We would like to inform you that, as in previous years, MESEA will publish a volume of essays from the papers presented at the 9th biennial conference in Saarbrücken. To this effect, we would kindly like invite you for your contributions and ask that you please look at the following guidelines (see also our document “Instructions for Authors.”

The volume will be edited by Astrid M. Fellner and Simone Puff and will be on the topic of “Crossing Boundaries in a Post-Ethnic Era – Interdisciplinary Approaches and Negotiations.”

The volume should reflect the increasing critical engagement with the border in its multiple forms. Hence, the papers that are sought should ideally focus on the complex roles of borders and boundaries and their reconceptualization as processes, discourses, practices, and symbols through which power functions.

The topics we are mostly interested in are the following:

- Ethnic/National/State boundaries
- Redrawing boundaries, modifying ethnic categories – expansion or limit?
- Ethnic conflict versus decentralization – redesigning political arrangements, mapping out new borders
- Boundaries (physical and discursive) and the material reality of cultural production
- Crossing language borders – multilingualism
- Boundaries in literary criticism: world literature; comparative literature; national literature
- Social or class boundaries
- Migration processes and global/national/regional mobility;

- e.g. tourism, work migration, human trafficking
- Religious boundaries-- from religion to fundamentalism
 - Contemporary and historical globalization processes from the epoch of “discoveries” (16th/17th century), to the imperial expansion of the West (19th century), and the global “virtual village” of the 21st century
 - Technology and borders; virtual biopolitics
 - Post-ethnic border performances
 - Negotiating North-South divisions (Europe/Americas) and economic disparities
 - Theories and realities of post-ethnicity
 - Deterritorialization and/or reterritorialization

Papers submitted for consideration for the volume should note the following requirements:

1. Submissions will be accepted by e-mail between now and December 31, 2014.
2. Final submission deadline: December 31, 2014.
3. Papers should not exceed 7,000 words (including footnotes and Works Cited), and should be prepared according to the latest MLA Handbook guidelines.
4. The editorial team will review all papers, and make the decisions regarding their acceptance on the basis of their relevance to the conference and/or volume topic and academic excellence. All editorial decisions are final.
5. All editorial correspondence will be channeled through this email address:
mesea2014publication@gmail.com

We are looking forward to receiving your submissions. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the editors at mesea2014publication@gmail.com

We are looking forward to receiving your papers!

With all best wishes,
Astrid and Simone