IX Annual Languages Graduate Student Association Conference
University of Connecticut

CALL FOR PAPERS



IMAGINING LANDSCAPE

Date: November 2, 2018
Venue: Oak Hall 236

This year's LANGSA conference aims to discuss how literatures, cultures, and languages imagine, explore and represent the landscape. This event seeks to investigate the topics of land as broad categories, from physical to abstract. LANGSA encourages papers with a focus on understandings, beliefs, fantasies or fears about the land in a variety of mediums, styles, and forms. LANGSA particularly welcomes contributions which consider the metaphorical shaping of the landscape, speculations on what the landscape used to be and will be, and possible contributions toward the landscape through anthropology, cartography, culture and travel writing.

We encourage submissions across all disciplines that engage with the landscape as a complex ground for connection and alienation. We welcome approaches to this theme from all disciplines, fields, and historical periods.

Relevant themes and topics may include but are not limited to:

- Localism
- Urbanization
- State/Nation/Empire
- Cartography

- Travel Literature
- Memory and Narratology: language and philosophy
- Identity: heritage, multiculturalism, etc.
- Human Rights
- Violence: sexual violence, human trafficking and victim narrative
- The rising popularity of fascism and racism
- Utopian studies, classic or contemporary utopias
- Dystopian studies, classic or contemporary dystopias
- Gender, sexuality and queer studies
- Race and Science Fiction
- Diaspora, Migration and Displacement
- Digital Media
- Borders: physical, psychological, metaphorical, symbolic, sexual, geopolitical, or cultural
- Area studies, including (but not limited to): Latin American Studies, Asian American Studies, Indian Studies, Chinese Studies, Eastern European Studies, Africana Studies, etc.

We welcome **abstracts of individual papers or proposals for panels of 3 papers in English**. **Individual presentations** will be **limited to 15 minutes** (7 double-spaced pages maximum), and **panels to 45 minutes.** Abstracts must have a title, contain between **250-300 words**, and follow MLA style. They must also be accompanied by the following information: author's name, affiliation, e-mail address, telephone number, and a short biography.

Please send abstracts to langsa.uconn@gmail.com by Friday, September 30, 2018