Relevance and Narrative (Research)  
An International Symposium

Programme

Tuesday, 30 September 2014

15:00   Welcoming Addresses

15.45-16.00 Discussion: Expectations and Aims of the Symposium

16:00-16:30  Susan Lanser: The (Ir)Relevance of Narratology
16:30-16:45  Discussion

Coffee Break

17:15-17:45  Carsten Breul: Relevance Theory and Literary Studies – and Some Thoughts on Paul Torday's *The Irresistible Inheritance of Wilberforce*
17:45-18:00 Discussion

18:00-18:30  Roy Sommer: Relevance, Postclassical Narratology and Narrative Design
18:30-18:45  Discussion

Wednesday, 1 October 2014

09:30-10:00  Raphaël Baroni: The Relevance of Irrelevance in Mimetic and Configurational Narratives
10:00-10:15 Discussion

10:15-10:45  Andreas Mahler: Disciplining Relevance: On Manifest and Latent Functions of Narratives
10:45-11:00 Discussion

Coffee Break

11:30-12:00  Sabine Schlickers: Unreliability and the Search for ‘Relevant’ Concepts in Narrative Analysis
12:00-12:15 Discussion

12:15-12:30  General Discussion: First Results, Focus Points, Further Questions

Lunch Break
14:15-14:45 Elke D’hoker: The Relevance of Narrative Theories for the Study of Short Fiction: The Case of First-Person Present-Tense Narration
14:45-15:00 Discussion

15:00-15:30 Sonja Klimk: Fantastic?! Metaleptic Events and Their Relevance for Readers’ Inferences about Fictional Worlds
15:30-15:45 Discussion

Coffee Break

16.15-16:45 Julika Griem: Compassion Fatigue: Emphatic Relevance and the Pitfalls of a Normativization of Literary Theory
16:45-17:00 Discussion

17:00-17:30 General Discussion: First Results, Focus Points, Further Questions

Thursday, 2 October 2014

09:30-10:00 Michael Ranta: Relevance and Tellability in Pictorial Storytelling
10:00-10:15 Discussion

10:15-10:45 Sebastian Domsch: ’Slice of Life’ and the Question of Narrative Relevance
10:45-11:00 Discussion

Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 Susanne Schlünder: Narrative Strategies and the Construction of (Ir)Relevance in the Works of Echenoz and Toussaint
12:00-12:15 Discussion

12:15-13:00 General Discussion: Results, Retrospect and Prospect