

Tropes of Theory

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Convenors:

Zaal Aronikashvili (ZfL) and Susanne Strätling (FU Berlin/EXC 2020)

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October 20

10:00

Welcome

10:15–12:15

Panel I: Figuring Theory

Robert Young	New York University	Theory as Trope
Divya Dwivedi	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	Theory and the Trope of Reading
Rok Benčin	ZRC SAZU Ljubljana	The Miracle of Analogy and the Displacement of Concepts
Robert Stockhammer	LMU Munich	Synecdoche and Representative Anecdote (Kenneth Burke) in Theory

13:30–15:30

Panel II: Mining the History of Tropology

Amy Li Xiaofan	University College London	Illumination: The Solar Trope in Literary Theory from a Comparative Perspective
Susanne Strätling	FU Berlin/EXC 2020	Poetics as Energetics? Trajectories of Modern Literary Theory
Anne Duprat	Université de Picardie-Jules Verne	Elegance, or: How stylish Can Literary Theory Be?
Maya Kesrouany	NYU Abu Dhabi	Figural Hauntings in Contemporary Arabic Literary Theory

16:00–17:30

Panel III: Reading Tropes

Stefan Willer	HU Berlin	Ties: Metaphors of Postcritique
Woosung Kang	Seoul National University	Reading Freud Reading: How Blindness Drives Theories
Marco Caracciolo	Ghent University	Tropes for Complexity in Literary Theory

October 21

10:00–11:30

Panel IV: Politics of Tropes

Ivana Perica	ZfL	Polysemy of ‘the Political’
Davide Giuriato	Universität Zürich	Drastic: Breakdown of Tropes? (Jankelevitch, Abbate, Dath)
Zaal Andronikashvili	ZfL	Small and Minor: Figures of Minority in the System of World Literature

11:30

Closing remarks