The 3-G Network Celebrates the Guyanas 2015-16
The Pan-Guyanese Highway: Cayenne-Georgetown-Paramaribo

Le Réseau 3G célèbre les Guyanes 2015-16
La route pan-Guyanaise : Cayenne-Georgetown-Paramaribo

Het 3G Netwerk viert de drie Guyana’s 2015-16
De pan-Guyanese snelweg: Cayenne-Georgetown-Paramaribo

1-3 October 2015 at the University of Amsterdam

Keynote speaker
Percy HINTZEN (Florida International University)

Call for Papers

In the on-going process of tracing historical ties and redefining Caribbean contemporary identities, the search for new imaginations and new modes of communication has taken a broad flight. Mass media play a remarkable role in the process. Oral traditions on the verge of extinction find new means of expression by spoken-word and digital artists, and in the use of social media. More and more films, documentaries and television programs are produced on the Caribbean but also in the Caribbean. Important contributions have been made in fictional prose and popular fiction too.

In the context of an increased emphasis on transcolonial relations, one will note that many of these productions still depend on western funding and distribution, but a local industry of smaller productions has arisen as well and challenges traditional perspectives on gender, sexuality, ethnicity, and post-colonialism. In parallel, interdisciplinary research has documented the ways mobility, historical memory and hybridity have nourished contemporary Caribbean identities.

The co-convenors of the conference bring the attention on the possible, or impossible, avenues of communication between the three Guyanas (French Guyane, Guyana, Suriname), a set of countries rarely focused upon for their commonalities and / or discrepancies. If trans-Atlantic and North-South relations are elaborated more than inter-Caribbean relations, what is the situation regarding French Guyane, Guyana and Suriname? What are the socio-economic conditions supporting, or hindering, their relations? What are the modalities of this dialogue and what does it tell us about the Caribbean as a whole? Why are the literatures of those three separate, yet historically and culturally linked regions so poorly represented in the respective “canons” of postcolonial and transnational literature?

We invite submissions for abstracts of research-based papers on all issues related to the three Guyanas and their interaction(s), and the above mentioned matters on the crossroad of communication, media, transmission, the arts and literature. We especially welcome papers focusing on the relationships and interchange between the three Guyanas and the circulation of ideas, people and materials on the Guyanese shield, rather than the traditional relations between colonizer and colonized. Cross-cultural and inter-disciplinary approaches are very much welcomed as well as contributions from anthropological, media and theatre studies. We invite scholars for a 20-minute presentation of their papers in English, followed by discussion time.
Upload the following information to the organizational website: name; title of paper/presentation; abstract/description (no more than 250 words); short biography and contact information (no more than 150 words).

Submissions will be accepted from the website **between Novembre 15, 2014 and January 15, 2015**. Notification of acceptance will be given by **March 15, 2015**. A selection of papers will be considered for publication.

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The Amsterdam conference is part of a series of three events, **The 3G-Network**, that will be hosted by three different institutions (University of Amsterdam on October 1-3, 2015), Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier (mid-June 2016), Institute of English Studies, School of Advanced Studies, University of London (October 27-29, 2016). Separate calls for papers will be issued eventually for the events in Montpellier and London.

The 3-G Network will be part of the celebration of 40 years of Independence of the Republic of Suriname, 50 years of Independence of Guyana and (at the eve of) the 70 years of the declaration of la Guyane as a French Département d’Outre-Mer (1946).

The 3-G Network is itself part of a wider program, **Ecotones**, which is co-convened by EMMA (Montpellier), Coastal Carolina University and MIGRINTER (UMR CNRS-Poitiers).

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