

Motherhood in post-1968 European Literature Network

Workshop 1: 'Motherhood: Theories, Methods and Narratives' **Friday 11 May 2012**

- 9.30-9.45 Introduction: Gill Rye (French, IGRS, University of London)
- 9.45-11.25 Plenary session: interdisciplinary panel
- Roberta Guerrina (Politics, University of Surrey)
'Gender, Ideology & the Political Economy of Austerity:
The Mother War Continues...'
- Lisa Baraitser (Psychosocial Studies, Birkbeck, University of London)
'The Maternal in Contemporary Psychoanalysis and Feminist Thought'
- Clare Hanson (English Literature, University of Southampton)
'Maternal Texts and Subtexts'
- Plenary discussion
- Discussant: Deborah Cameron (Linguistics, University of Oxford)
Chair: Adalgisa Giorgio (Italian Studies, University of Bath)
- 11.25-11.55 Coffee
- 11.55-1 pm 3 x parallel breakout sessions: discussions of passages from literature
- (i) Text: Poem from *Imagias* ('Only A Bit Of Goya: Letter To My Daughter') by Ana Luísa Amaral
Chair/facilitator: Claire Williams (Brazilian Studies/Portuguese, University of Oxford)
- (ii) Text: Extract from *Gut Genug (Good Enough)* by Birgit Vanderbeke
Chair/facilitator: Emily Jeremiah (German, Royal Holloway, University of London)
- (iii) Text: Extract from *Lo Raro es Vivir (Living's the Strange Thing)* by Carmen Martín Gaité
Chair/facilitator: Maria-José Blanco (Spanish, King's College London)
- 1-2 Sandwich lunch provided

Afternoon Sessions

- 2-3 Reports by summarisers on breakout sessions and general discussion
- Summarisers:
(i) Pat Thane (Contemporary History, King's College London)
(ii) Amber Jacobs (Psychosocial Studies, Birkbeck, University of London)
(iii) Victoria Browne (Philosophy, University of Liverpool)
Chair: Cláudia Pazos Alonso (Portuguese and Brazilian Studies, University of Oxford)
- 3-3.10 Short break
- 3.10-4.30 Plenary session: interdisciplinary panel
Featured book: *Beside the Sea* by Véronique Olmi
- Gill Rye (French, IGRS, University of London)
'Infanticide, Ambivalence, Desperation: The Mother's Voice in Véronique Olmi's *Beside the Sea*'
- Ruth Cain (Law, University of Kent)
'Véronique Olmi's *Beside the Sea*: Law, Psychiatry and the Moral Dilemmas of Filicide'
- Plenary discussion
- Discussant: Eija Sevón (Education, University of Jyväskylä)
Chair: Godela Weiss-Sussex (German, IGRS, University of London)
- 4.30-4.45 Tea
- 4.45-5.30 General discussion
Chair: Abigail Lee Six (Hispanic Studies, Royal Holloway, University of London)