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Motherhood in post-1968 European Literature Network

Workshop 2: 'Mothering and Work: Employment Trends and Rights'

Friday 26 October 2012

- 9.30-11.10 Plenary Session 1: Working Mothers: Trends and Issues
- Pat Thane (Contemporary British History, KCL)
'Mothering and Work in Britain, Past and Present'
- Helena Forsås-Scott (Scandinavian Studies, UCL/Edinburgh)
'Mothering, Narration and Subjectivation:
The Example of Kerstin Ekman's *Skraplotter* (2003) (*Scratch Cards*)'
- Sonia Bertolini (Sociology, Turin)
'The Care of the Baby: A Family Affair in Italy'
- Discussant: Janneke van Mens-Verhulst (Clinical & Health Psychology,
Utrecht)
Chair: Gill Rye (French, IGRS)
- 11.10-11.40 Coffee
- 11.40-12.40 Three parallel Breakout Sessions to discuss extracts from literature
- (i) Text: 'Bronchitis, Laryngitis, Otitis... and Acute Hysteria: An Essay about
the Cult of Motherhood and about my own Experience with it', by Eva
Hauserová
Chair/facilitator: Eva Kalivodova (Translation Studies, Prague)
- (ii) Text: *Losing Eugenio*, by Geneviève Brisac
Chair/facilitator: Julie Rodgers (French, Maynooth)
- (iii) Text: Letter from *You Love Me Not. You Love Me: The Curiosities of
Maternal Love*, by Margarita Lymperaki
Chair/facilitator: Sophie Iakovidou (Greek, Thrace)
- 12.40-1.40 Sandwich lunch provided

Afternoon Sessions

- 1.40-2.25 Plenary Feedback Session
- Reports by summarisers on breakout sessions and general discussion
- Summarisers:
(i) Lisa Baraitser (Psychosocial Studies, Birkbeck)
(ii) Ruth Cain (Law, Kent)
(iii) Victoria Browne (Philosophy, Liverpool & IGRS)
Chair: Clare Hanson (English, Southampton)
- 2.25-2.55 Tea
- 2.55-4.15 Plenary Session 2
- Featured Text: 'Tempo parziale' ('Part-Time') by Carmen Covito
- Monica Jansen (Modern Languages-Italian, Antwerp and Utrecht)
'Precarity and the Reinvention of Motherhood: A Reading of "Tempo parziale" ("Part-time") by Carmen Covito'
- Tina Miller (Sociology, Oxford Brookes)
'The Narration of "Choices" around Returning to Work after Becoming a Mother'
- Discussant: Caroline Gatrell (Management, Lancaster)
Chair: Adalgisa Giorgio (European Studies-Italian, Bath)
- 4.15-4.30 Closing Discussion