



FACULTY OF EDUCATION
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is announcing the
CALL FOR PAPERS
for the international conference

Place and Space in Contemporary English-Written Literatures



Conference date: 15-16 November 2024

Deadline for paper proposal submission: 16 June 2024

Conference venue: **Celetná 13, Prague 1**

Plenary speakers: **Emerita Professor Susana Onega** (*University of Zaragoza*)
Professor Martin Procházka (*Charles University*)

Conference fee: **2,000 CZK / 80 €** (*for participants from abroad*)

All the information can be accessed on the conference website: webkajl.pedf.cuni.cz/conference.

Throughout the second half of the 20th century, literary theory and criticism began to focus on the representation of space and place, which gradually acquired the significance that time and temporality had enjoyed for centuries. The fact that human beings live in space-time, and that these two dimensions significantly determine our existence and are equally crucial for the formation of our identity, opened up a fruitful field of interest for theorists, culminating in what has been called the postmodern “spatial turn”. Its immediate consequence, as Emmanuelle Peraldo notes, is that space “is now considered as a central metaphor and topos in literature”. This relationship is reciprocal: not only do the spatial properties of our existence shape who we are and how we perceive ourselves and the world around us, but our perception and interpretation of space also determine the character and significance of our living environments. The study of textual representations of space is thus one of the ways in which we can better understand not only the spaces in question, but also our own spatial, social and cultural experience, both individual and collective.

Therefore, we welcome proposals focusing on diverse spatial aspects of Anglophone literatures of the past three decades from a range of relevant critical perspectives, addressing concerns such as

- spaces/places in time; spaces/places and time
- spatial identities; identity and place/space
- spatial topoi
- spatial dichotomies
- places/spaces of transgression
- spatial anxieties
- liminal places/spaces
- the country and/or the city
- houses and/in literature
- architecture and/or urban planning in literature

Paper proposals should include: full name of the applicant
affiliation
email address
title of the paper
abstract (150-250 words)
preferred presentation date (15 November/ 16 November).

Proposals should be submitted on one of the organisers' email addresses (petr.chalupsky@pedf.cuni.cz or tereza.topolovska@pedf.cuni.cz).

Selected conference papers extended into articles may be published in a special issue of the peer-reviewed Prague Journal of English Studies (enlisted in ERIH Plus, Central & Eastern European Academic Source and the Directory of Open Access Journals).

We look forward to your paper proposals.
On behalf of the organising committee,

Petr Chalupský and Tereza Topolovská