

PALA LAND-SIG workshop: the stylistics of landscape, space and place

The organizer has received a proposal for PALA 2014 LAND Special Interest Groups (SIG) workshop: the stylistics of landscape, space and place, which will be led by Ernestine Lahey and Daniela Francesca Viridis. Please send an abstract of between 150 to 250 words to BOTH of the following email addresses: e.lahey@ucr.nl and dfvirdis@unica.it. The deadline for the SIG workshop abstracts is the same as for PALA 2014 conference, i.e., 20 January 2014.

A brief description of the LAND SIG workshop:

Participants are invited for the first PALA workshop of the group "LAND-SIG", a special interest group on the stylistics of landscape, space and place (<http://www.pala.ac.uk/resources/sigs/LAND-SIG/>).

The primary aim of this first workshop will be to survey current stylistic approaches to concepts of landscape, place and space (and related concepts such as environment, setting, cityscape, etc.). Secondary aims include developing stylistic practice in "place-based" stylistics (e.g. ecostylistics/ecopoetics, the stylistics of tourism, etc.) and facilitating an exchange of ideas between scholars with similar interests, with a view to future collaborative research efforts.

Papers are invited on:

- eco-stylistics/eco-poetics
- travel writing
- discourses of tourism
- figurative/metaphorical aspects of landscape and setting
- strategies in landscape description
- landscape, place and belonging (e.g. as in post-colonial literatures)
- the landscapes/spaces/places of science and speculative fiction
- space, place, landscape in drama and performance
- representations of specific places (some examples from past PALA conferences include Sardinia, Interlaken, Birmingham, the Arctic)
- the style of specific writers in their representations of landscapes, spaces and places
- the landscapes/spaces/places of specific genres
- landscape/space/place description in specific works

This list is suggestive rather than exhaustive and other concerns and approaches which fit into the broad aims of the SIG would be most welcome.

While papers from non-PALA members are welcome, in keeping with the aims of the SIG, all papers should fit within the discipline of stylistics (i.e. there must be some textual analysis and/or engagement with stylistic theory).

Please see <http://projects.ff.uni-mb.si/pala2014/> for all information on the PALA 2014 Conference, to be held from 16th to 20th July 2014 at the University of Maribor, Slovenia.