

ACTA COMPARATIONIS LITTERARUM UNIVERSARUM: INSTITUTIONS AND PRACTICES OF EARLY EAST- EUROPEAN COMPARATISM

A WORKSHOP AT BABEȘ-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY
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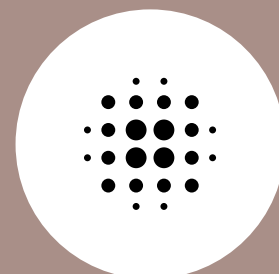
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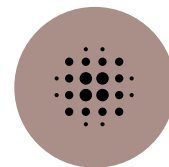
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**OCTOBER 31 –
NOVEMBER 2**

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INVITED SPEAKERS



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ANGUS NICHOLLS

Queen Mary University of London

Angus Nicholls is Professor of Comparative Literature and German at Queen Mary University of London. He works at the intersections between literary studies, philosophy and other humanities disciplines such as critical theory, anthropology and psychoanalysis. His current project is a monograph on the early history of Comparative Literature (circa 1870-1900).



SZABÓ LEVENTE

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Szabó Levente is Associate Professor of Hungarian and Comparative Literary Studies and director of the Doctoral School of Hungarian Studies at Babeş-Bolyai University. He specializes in the social history and political economy of classical Hungarian literature, literary sociology and the history of early comparative literature.

LECTURES ON COMPARATIVE METHODS



MANUELA BOATCĂ

University of Freiburg

Manuela Boatcă is Professor of Sociology and Head of School of the Global Studies Programme at the University of Freiburg, Germany. She has published widely on world-systems analysis, decolonial perspectives on global inequalities, gender and citizenship in modernity/coloniality, and the geopolitics of knowledge in Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.



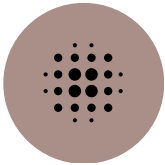
CHRISTIAN MORARU

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Christian Moraru is Class of 1949 Distinguished Professor in the Humanities and Professor of English at University of North Carolina, Greensboro. He specializes in contemporary American fiction, critical theory, and comparative literature with emphasis on international postmodernism and its post-Cold War developments and successors, as well as on the relations between globalism and culture across several national traditions in the modern era.

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DAY 1

Thursday, October 31, 18:00–20:00

BOOK LAUNCH

18:00

Pentru o nouă cultură critică românească, ed. Alex Goldiș, Christian Moraru, Andrei Terian (Cluj-Napoca, Tact, 2024)

Faculty of Letters, Room D. Popovici

DINNER

20:00

Casa TIFF

DAY 2

Friday, November 1, 10:00–19:00

**ACTA COMPARATIONIS LITTERARUM
UNIVERSARUM EXHIBITION**

10:00

Curators: **Kovács Eszter**, Lucian Blaga Central University Library
Szabó Levente, Babeș-Bolyai University

Faculty of Letters, Romanian-Hungarian Library Reading Room

OPENING REMARKS

10:45

Anca Parvulescu, Washington University in St. Louis

Faculty of Letters, Room D. Popovici

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

11:00

Angus Nicholls, Queen Mary University of London
Aesthetics and Anthropology in the Early Years of Comparative Literature:
The Acta Comparationis Litterarum Universarum

Faculty of Letters, Room D. Popovici
Chair: Mihaela Ursa

COFFEE BREAK

11:50

WORKSHOP ON COMPARATIVE METHODS (I)

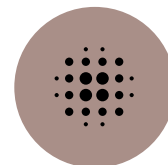
12:00

Manuela Boatcă, University of Freiburg
Units of Analysis in the Modern/ Colonial/ Inter-imperial World-system:
What Are We Comparing?

Faculty of Letters, Room D. Popovici

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LUNCH BREAK	13:00
<i>Casa TIFF</i>	
WORKSHOP ACTA COMPARATIONIS (I)	15:30
<i>Faculty of Letters, Council Room</i>	
<i>Chair: Claudiu Turcuș</i>	
Angus Nicholls , <i>The ACLU's Australian Correspondent: Herbert Augustus Strong</i>	15:30
Anca Parvulescu, Szabó Levente , <i>What Is an Introduction? Acta Comparationis: An Alternative Genealogy of World Comparatism</i>	15:50
Manuela Boatcă , <i>Romani Europeans and The Challenge of Unthinkable Histories</i>	16:10
Rareș Moldovan , <i>Idolatry of the Unknown: Early Spectres of Comparatism</i>	16:30
COFFEE BREAK	16:50
Mihaela Ursa , <i>Anti-Imperial Narration in the Mock-Heroic Form: Ioan-Budai Deleanu and the Transylvanian Project</i>	17:10
Alex Goldiș , <i>Meltzl and the Politics of Multilingualism in the Late Habsburg Empire</i>	17:30
Adriana Stan , <i>The "World" in Late Nineteenth Century Socialist Internationalism: The Case of Romania</i>	17:50
Ștefan Baghiu , <i>The Millieu of Acta Comparationis: Romanian Outskirts, Nationalism and Worlding at the Birth of Comparative Literature</i>	18:10
DINNER	19:00
<i>Casa TIFF</i>	

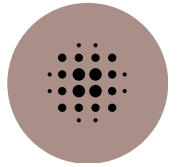
DAY 3

Saturday, November 2, 11:00–19:00

KEYNOTE ADDRESS	11:00
Szabó Levente , Babeș-Bolyai University	
<i>Women's Voices in the First International Journal of Comparative Literature</i>	
<i>BBU Club Hall</i>	
<i>Chair: Rareș Moldovan</i>	

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COFFEE BREAK

11:50

WORKSHOP ON COMPARATIVE METHODS (II)

12:00

Christian Moraru, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Speculative U. S. Fiction, the Anthropocene, and Comparative Historiography

BBU Club Hall

LUNCH BREAK

13:00

Casa TIFF

WORKSHOP ACTA COMPARATIONIS (II)

15:30

BBU Club Hall

Chair: Adriana Stan

Christian Moraru, Hugó Meltzl, Transylvania, and World Regionalism

15:30

Cosmin Borza, *Peripheral Nationalism, Inter-imperial Comparatism: The Case of Grigore Silași*

15:50

Gianina Druță, *The Scandinavian Contribution to Acta Comparationis Litterarum Universarum. Case Study: Rasmus B. Anderson*

16:10

Mircea Minică, *Poly- or “Decaglotism”? On the Hierarchization of Languages in Nineteenth Century Comparative Linguistics*

16:30

COFFEE BREAK

16:50

Emanuel Modoc, *The View from the East: Thomas Frühm’s Concept of Weltliteratur*

17:10

Maria Mădălina Irimia, *Moses Schwarzfeld: A Pioneer of Jewish Folk Research in Romania*

17:30

Maria Luiza Medeleanu, *The Place of Romani Literature in the Global Context of World Literature*

17:50

Mihnea Bâlici, *Traveling Agents, Coalescing Affinities: How Inter-Imperial Comparatism Is Born Through Migration*

18:10

Teona Farmatu, *Before and After Institutionalizing ‘World Literature’ Through ‘National Literatures’: (De)centralization, Reform, and Western-centrism*

18:30

DINNER

19:00

Casa TIFF