

CFP: Contemporary Perspectives on/in Postcolonial and Diasporic Literature and Theory, 25-26 July 2018 (due 30 March 2018)

School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Pulau Pinang, Malaysia, 25-26 July 2018

Conference Website: <http://icl.usm.my/index.php>

Keynote Speaker:

Bill Ashcroft (School of the Arts & Media, UNSW Arts & Social Sciences Sydney, Australia)

Invited Speakers:

Anjali Gera Roy (Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India)

Md. Salleh Yaapar (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)

Kirpal Singh (Singapore Management University, Singapore)

Ghulam-Sarwar Yousof (University of Malaya, Malaysia)

Since the beginning of the new millennium, the world has witnessed important changes in social, political, cultural and economic landscapes. The shifts have in turn pushed postcolonial studies and diaspora studies to expand beyond their origins in literary studies and their primary focus on 'representation' to an engagement with epistemological, ethical and political questions. By organizing the International Conference on Literature (*ICL 2018*), we want to respond and contribute to current critical and theoretical debates by moving toward the study of world literatures and global theoretical, aesthetic and cultural practices. The conference also aims to trigger a debate about the future of the disciplines, and thus reinvigorate and pioneer certain dimensions of the areas. This two day event seeks to provide a platform for those interested in interdisciplinary and/or cross-cultural approaches to push postcolonial and diaspora studies into new domains to meet, discuss, and to explore contemporary debates, and to revisit the 'classic' issues to interrogate them. Topics to be addressed by the papers and sessions at the conference will cover a broad spectrum of research questions, but with a specific emphasis on contemporary and future challenges for postcolonial and diasporic literature and theory.

We invite proposals for individual papers from academics in the humanities and social sciences to reassess contemporary perspectives on/in postcolonial and diasporic literature and theory. Possible topics may include, but are NOT limited to:

- Postcolonial and Diasporic Studies: Where Were We? Where Are We? Where To Now?
- Global South and Diasporic Studies
- Issues of Subjectivity
- Region, Religion, Politics, and Culture
- Race, Racism, Class, Gender, Sexuality, and Ethnicity
- Rethinking the Family, Sex, and Gender
- Migration, Diaspora, Hybridity, and Borders
- Bioethics, Ecology, Ecocriticism, Health, and Wellness
- War, Violence and Terror
- Islamic Postcolonialism

Proposals of between 300-500 words should be sent by **30 March 2018** via online registration system (<https://conference.usm.my/icl>). Notification of abstract acceptance will be sent by 15 April 2018. For more information on abstract writing guidelines, please visit (<http://icl.usm.my/index.php/submission/abstract>). Should you have any questions or enquiries, please contact Conference Chair Moussa Pourya Asl at icle@usm.my.

We intend to produce two special issues for *The Wenshan Review* and an edited volume from the conference with a major academic publisher. Authors are encouraged to submit their full papers by **15 June 2018** to be considered for the journal's December 2018 and/or June 2019 issue.

This conference is organized by the PGSC in School of Humanities (PPIK) at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM).