

**The Department of British, American, and German Studies of the University of Craiova,
Romania**

and

The Albanian Society for the Study of English (ASSE)

are pleased to announce

***THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURAL POLICIES -
"SITES OF DISSENSION, SITES OF NEGOTIATION: CONFLICT AND
RECONCILIATION IN LITERATURE AND LINGUISTICS"***

which is to be held in Craiova, Romania, November, 15-17

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

Our modern world has encouraged both cultural borders and the theory of borders to become more flexible in order to allow for more expansionist policies. Flexibility and avoidance of conflict are fundamental to achieving breakthroughs in any negotiation. However, there may be times when, instead of reaching an agreement, the two parties involved in the process of negotiation find themselves in a deadlock, and thereby they need to identify a way to overcome the source of conflict that prevents them from reaching an agreement. What are the major sources of conflict among individuals and groups and what are the basic strategies to overcome these barriers to communication? Since individuals from different cultural backgrounds have different ideological and political perspectives, how can they reconcile divergent viewpoints and explore new paradigms? How does culture affect negotiation? From private dissension and public disputation, negotiation as part of reconciliation, and other mediation practices, to the process and strategies of negotiation (the role of sentiment in negotiation, conflict and dispute resolution, cultural, national, and linguistic reconciliation, cultural dilemmas, etc.), paper proposals dealing with any type of conflict and negotiation covering all periods are warmly welcomed.

The conference will attempt to look at the theory and process of conflict/dissension and negotiation/reconciliation from a range of perspectives that include, but are not limited to:

- literature(s) in conflict: colonial domination and post-colonial literature(s)
- the social, political, and historical importance of conflict and negotiation in literature
- power, conflict, and gender roles
- the conflict between literary studies and cultural studies
- violence and conflict in children's literature
- wars and revolutions in literature
- conflict and cultural memory
- conflict and cultural values
- discourse and conflict, discourse and the art of negotiation
- strategies of politeness in cross-cultural communication
- negotiating language(s): language policies in multilingual societies
- language policies and negotiation strategies
- translation and interpreting: negotiating meaning between languages and discursive forms

- transfer and interference in second language acquisition
- negotiating a change of paradigm in theoretical approaches to language and linguistics
- theoretical undercurrents in applied linguistics
- translation and negotiation of meaning: process and product dimensions
- negotiating the image: representations of national identities in visual culture
- intercultural encounters
- geographical, cultural, and historical sites of conflict and negotiation
- utopian sites of dissension
- the role of landscapes/cityscapes in conflict and reconciliation

Submission instructions

Offers of papers to be read at the conference are invited before the deadline 15 September 2012. Notification of acceptance will be sent by email by 1 October 2012. Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes. Please fill in the registration form below and send it to: craiovaconference@yahoo.com

1. Name of presenter:
2. Academic title:
3. Address (work and home):
4. Affiliation:
5. E-mail address:
6. Title of paper:
7. Abstract (150-200 words):
8. 5-7 keywords:
9. Brief biographical note:

The language of the conference is English.

Conference fees:

- participants presenting papers: 200 Lei
- attendance without presentation: 50 Lei

The fee will be paid upon arrival.

A selection of papers will be published after the conference. The conference fee includes the publication of the volume, the conference folder and badge, certificate of attendance, most of the refreshments during scheduled breaks, lunches, and cocktail reception. The fee does not include travel expenses, accommodation and the social programme.

The organising team: Elena Butoescu (University of Craiova, Romania), Andreea Bratu (University of Craiova, Romania), Armela Panajoti (University of Vlora, Albania), Sorin Cazacu (University of Craiova, Romania), Vlad Preda (University of Craiova, Romania)

Further information

A second circular will be mailed to those who have returned the preliminary registration form.

For any conference-related queries, please contact: craiovaconference@yahoo.com

We look forward to welcoming you in Craiova.