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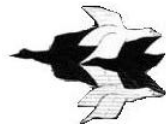
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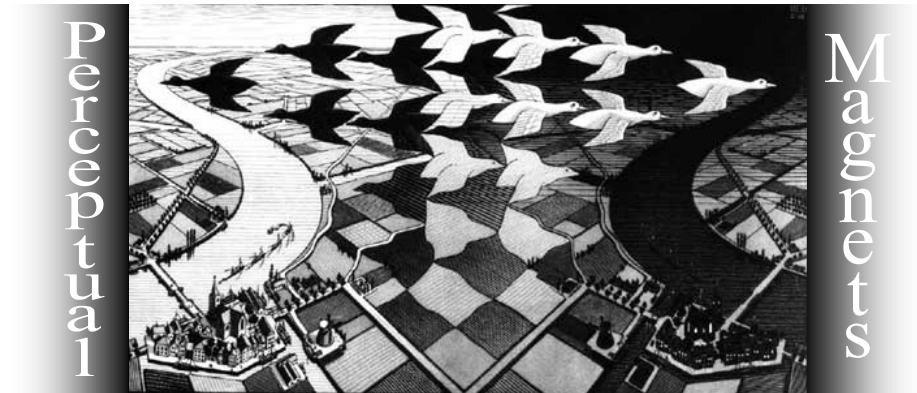
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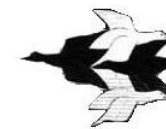


*Commanding Attention in Contested Time, Space and Thought*

**Seventh Biennial Graduate Student Conference**

**Department of Germanic Studies**

**Indiana University, Bloomington**



**February 20-21, 2009**

**Wylie Hall 005/015 & IMU Faculty Club**

**Friday, February 20th, 2009 in Wylie Hall 005**

Horizons of Knowledge Lecture and Keynote Address:

6:00-7:00PM

*In/Out of Focus: Modernism and the Art of Managing Attention*  
Lutz Koepnick (Washington University)

**Saturday, February 21st in Wylie Hall 005/015**

8:30-9:00 Coffee & Bagels in WH005

**Session I: Navigating Fields of Vagueness**

Moderator: Peter Heidenreich (Germanic Studies, IUB)

9:00-9:30

*Some Problems of Not-Quite Metafiction*  
Chris Chiasson (Germanic Studies, IUB)

9:30-10:00

*Historic Specificity through Out-Of-Focus Images in the Works of  
Beyer, Richter, & Wesely*  
Anne Fritz (Washington University)

10:00-10:30

*Alterity and Cognitive Language Tropes*  
April Smith (Communication and Culture, IUB)

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

**Session II: Contextualizing Perceptual Magnets in Time**

Moderator: Olivia Landry (Germanic Studies, IUB)

10:45-11:15

*RAF-Terrorism as Perceptual Magnet for the Generations X, Y, and Z?*  
Sonja Heitgress (Knox College)

11:15-11:45

*'Naturgeschichte der Zerstörung' oder Verantwortung im Freien Willen? –  
Zum Erlösungsbedürfnis und der Historizität bei W. G. Sebald*  
Alex Holzniekemper (Ohio State U.)

11:45-12:15

*The Role of Liturgical Perception in Interpreting the Old English  
'Life of St. Mary of Egypt'*  
Megan Barrett (Germanic Studies, IUB)

12:15-2:00 Lunch Break

**Session III: Connective Reality: Gravity, Loopholes & Notions of Truth**

Moderator: Andrea Meyertholen (Germanic Studies, IUB)

2:15-2:45

*Touching the Earth in Kleist and Kierkegaard*  
James Rasmussen (Germanic Studies, IUB)

2:45-3:15

*The Poetic Address and the Loophole Addressee*  
Leeore Schnairsohn (Princeton University)

3:15-3:45

*Hannah Arendt: Stories from the Other Side*  
Ingo Kieslich (Vanderbilt University)

3:45-4:00 Coffee Break

**Session IV(a) in Wylie Hall 015: Polarizing Attention Through Competing Senses**

Moderator: Orsolya Kiss (Germanic Studies, IUB)

4:00-4:30

*Flaubert's Stupid Drum and Slackened Strings*  
Erin Sipe (French & Italian, IUB)

4:30-5:00

*On the Presence-Effect of Sensation in Food*  
Carlos Gasperi (Germanic Studies, IUB)

5:00-5:30

*Affecting Singularity: The Sports Highlight*  
Travis Vogan (Communication and Culture, IUB)

**Session IV(b) in Wylie Hall 005: Topics in Linguistics**

Moderator: Andrew Kostakis

4:00-4:30

*A Phonological Analysis of /g/ in Kiel German*  
Justin Glover (Germanic Studies, IUB)

4:30-5:00

*From Greek to Gothic: TOPIC & FOCUS in Gothic nominal phrase translation*  
Elliott Gougeon (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

**Plenary Address in the IMU Faculty Club**

6:00-7:00PM

*When Grammars Collide: Code-switching in the Minimalist Program*  
Mike Putnam (Carson-Newman College)

7:00-10:00 Informal Dinner in the Faculty Club