

Annual report of the AILC/ICLA Research Committee on Literary Theory, 2021-22

1. Annual workshop.

The annual workshop of the Research Committee on Literary Theory, scheduled to take place in Paris 17-19 June 2021, was transferred to Zoom as a result of French government restrictions. The topic of the meeting, which formed part of the wider CNRS project ALEA (hypotheses.org), was “Théories littéraires du hasard et de la contingence”/ “Theorizing Chance. How does Literary Theory deal with Contingency?”. Full details of the programme and papers given by members of the committee can be found at <https://hasard.hypotheses.org/3345>

1.1. In June 2022, the committee was happily able to meet in person to discuss the papers with Anne Duprat the organiser of the workshop, and Prof. Julia Jordan (UCL) who had been invited to review them in preparation for their publication in a special issue of *Neo-Helicon*.

2. Business meeting.

The first item of the business meeting, the minutes of which are attached to this report, was to discuss and agree a simplified, streamlined procedure for the election of new members. At the meeting, six new members were proposed and elected: Zaal Andronikashvili (ZfL Berlin and Ilia State University, Tbilisi), Maya Issam Kesrouani (NYU Abu Dhabi), Karin Kukkonen (University of Oslo), Xiaofan Amy Li (UCL), Susanne Strätling (Freie Universität Berlin) and Elisabeth Weber (University of California, Santa Barbara). In an extended nomination process further candidates were proposed and accepted in an online vote: Rok Benčin (Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts), Marco Caracciolo (Ghent University), Ivana Perica (LMU Munich), and Tiphaine Samoyault (EHESS Paris), bringing the total number of members of the committee to seventeen. Full details of can be found on the Committee's website [ICLA theory | The AILC/ICLA Research Committee on Literary Theory](#)

3. Publications.

The proceedings of the 2021 Workshop will be published in *Neo-Helicon* as noted above.

The proceedings of the 2018 Workshop were published in the course of 2021 as [*May '68 at Fifty: Politics and Literature*](#). Special issue of *Interventions* (23.3 [2021]). Ed. Jernej Habjan and Robert J.C. Young.

The committee also noted a further 31 publications by past and present members, details of which can be found here [Publications 2021 | ICLA theory](#)

4. AILC/ICLA Tri-annual Meeting at Tbilisi, 24-29 July 2022

The committee will as usual be meeting with the AILC/ICLA at Tbilisi (in person or on Zoom). The topic for our meeting is “Theorising Marginality”. The topic was advertised as an open meeting on the Tbilisi website, and the committee accepted two of eight proposed papers from non-members.

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President

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Secretary