

Annual report of the AILC/ICLA Research Committee on Literary Theory, 2022

1. Annual workshop.

The annual workshop of the Research Committee on Literary Theory was held online by Zoom on 27-8 July as part of the AILC/ICLA triennial conference at Tblisi. The topic of our meeting was “Theorising Marginality”. Under the protocols of the Tblisi conference the meeting was organised as an “open” session, with a call for papers advertised on the Tblisi conference website; the committee accepted two of the eight proposals from non-members. The criterion for acceptance was that the proposal should (a) be coherent and (b) engage with the topic directly from the framework and perspective of literary theory. A list of accepted and rejected proposals is available by request from the Chair. Fourteen papers were given in panels of three speakers over two days. The programme is available on request from the Chair.

2. Business meeting, held 28 July 2022, via Zoom

2.1 Attendance

- Present: Robert J.C. Young (president), Stefan Willer (secretary); Zaal Andronikashvili, Rok Benčin, Marco Caracciolo, Anne Duprat (from 2:30 pm), Divya Dwivedi, Alexandre Gefen, Jernej Habjan, Karin Kukkonen, Xiaofan Amy Li, Ivana Perica, Elisabeth Weber.
- Proxies: Divya Dwivedi for Woosung Kang; Stefan Willer for Susanne Strätling; Robert Young for Maya Kesrouani.
- Absent: Tiphaine Samoyault.

2.2 Approval of the minutes of the 2021 Paris meeting

The minutes were approved.

2.2 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

2.4 Reports of the chairperson (R. Young), the secretary (S. Willer), and the web manager (J. Habjan)

The XXIV International Congress will be held in Seoul, Korea, 28 July – 1 August 2025.

2.5 Review of current membership

- Outgoing: Jernej Habjan.
- Up for re-election: Woosung Kang.
- Re-elected: Woosung Kang.

2.6 Discussion on new members, according to new simplified rules for election approved at the Business Meeting 2021

- New candidates: Natalya Bekhta (Helsinki Institute for Advanced Studies, Finland, proposed by Jernej Habjan), Davide Giuriato (University of Zurich, Switzerland, proposed by Stefan Willer)
- Both candidates were accepted.

2.7 Assignment of the position of web manager

As Jernej Habjan was leaving the committee after two membership periods, the position of web manager fell vacant. Jernej proposes the newly admitted Natalya Bekhta as his successor, which was unanimously accepted by the members. Robert Young expressed his thanks to Jernej on behalf of the committee for his great work over the past years.

2.8 Workshop 2023

The 2023 workshop will be hosted by Zaal Andronikashvili at one of his affiliations, either at the Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, or at the Leibniz-Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung (ZfL), Berlin, Germany. In an expression of opinion, the members of the committee predominantly voted for Berlin. The targeted date is June 29-30, 2023 [now postponed to October 20-21 2023].

3. Publications

- Berlin workshop, 2017: planned as special issue of *Arcadia*, still pending.
- Macau workshop, 2019: special issue of *Parallax* (2023) in process.
- Paris workshop, 2022: planned as special issue of *Neohelicon*, 2023.
- For this year's workshop and for the committee's future work, the idea of a regular publication series was discussed. Anne Duprat suggested that *Neo-Helicon* could be a regular venue for our own proceedings, which was agreed. Editors for the 2022 proceedings to be assigned.

Robert JC Young
President

Stefan Willer
Secretary