



## **HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY**

### **Centre for British Literary and Cultural Studies**

#### **Third Graduate Conference**

## **Representations of Diasporic Identities in Britain**

**20 April 2017**

**Hacettepe University, Ankara**

**Mehmet Akif Ersoy Hall, Beytepe Campus**

The Centre for British Literary and Cultural Studies at Hacettepe University is pleased to announce its third graduate conference, “Representations of Diasporic Identities in Britain.” We welcome academic proposals from MA and PhD students enrolled in graduate programmes in Turkey composed in English on British Literature/Culture, Commonwealth Literature/Culture, and comparative studies.

The objective of this conference is to provide graduate students with a platform on which to discuss the varied portrayals of diasporic identities. “Representations of Diasporic Identities in Britain” proposes to investigate individual identities as cultural, political, national and ethnic constructions of collective membership portrayed in diasporic communities living outside of their shared countries and mostly in conflict with the host country’s cultural beliefs and customs. We are particularly interested in receiving papers from a spectrum of research areas and a broad range of literary and non-literary genres, including cultural studies, supported by relevant theoretical material. Papers applying inter/multi-disciplinary perspectives will be given preference so as to generate fruitful discussion among various disciplines.

Possible topics under the “Diasporic Identities” include, but are not limited to:

- The Chinese Diaspora in Britain
- The Irish Diaspora in England
- The Indian Diaspora in Britain
- The Pakistani Diaspora in Britain
- The Bangladeshi Diaspora in Britain -
- The Cypriot Diaspora in Britain -
- East European Diasporas
- Diaspora and Migration
- Diaspora and the Refugee Crisis
- Diaspora and Identity
- Diaspora Studies within the Utopic/Dystopic Tension

- Diaspora from a Political Perspective
- Diaspora and Post-Colonial Studies
- Diaspora and Gender Studies
- Diaspora and Environmental Studies
- Diaspora and Adaptation Studies
- Diaspora and the Media
- Comparing Diaspora in Britain

**Abstract Submission:** 250-word abstracts, together with contact information (full name, institutional affiliation, department, email address, brief bio) of participant should be sent as Microsoft Word documents, attached to an email message addressed to **conferencegraduate@gmail.com** by **15 March 2017**.

The official language of the conference is English. Selected presentations will be organised into panels of 2 or 4 with regard to their themes. Co-presentations will be discouraged. All the presentations are limited to 20 minutes which will be followed by a ten-minute discussion. The presenters are strongly advised to make an oral presentation and not offer a read-out of the complete paper. The conference will take place at Mehmet Akif Ersoy Hall at the Beytepe Campus of Hacettepe University on 20 April 2017.

### **Key Dates**

**Extended Deadline for Submission of Abstract Proposals: 15 March 2017**

Acceptance Confirmation: **20 March 2017**

Submission of PowerPoint Presentations: **15 April 2017**

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