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Reading between Ruptures: Literature and Reading Cultures in the 21st Century

International Workshop | December 3-4, 2025

Programme

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December 3-4, 2025 | University of Giessen

Wednesday, 3 December

10.00 Reception and Coffee

10.30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen, Dr. Elena Hamidy, Marie-Theres Stickel (Giessen)

– Chair: Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen

10.45 Prof. Dr. Annette Simonis (Giessen)

Transmedial Reading Cultures – Reflections on Reading Practices and Delightful Reading in the Context of Contemporary Media Evolution

11:30 Coffee Break

– Chair: Marie-Theres Stickel

11:45 Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen (Giessen)

Attention in the Age of Media Competition – Rereading Proust with Clara

12:30 Charles Garatynski (French writer/ independent scholar) (Online)

Reading Against the Reader: Witold Gombrowicz and the Performative Breakdown of Literary Expectations

13:15 Lunch Break

– Chair: Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen

14:15 'Reading Post-Postmodernist Fictions of the Digital: Narrative, Technology, and Cognition in the 21st Century'

Prof. Dr. Jan Alber (Giessen) | **Prof. Dr. Alice Bell** (Sheffield)

Multimodality and Transmediality in Post-Postmodernist Fictions

Dr. Denise Wong (Giessen)

An Experimental Study of Post-Postmodernist Fictions of the Digital

Dr. Nadia Georgiou (Sheffield)

Insights from Reader Reviews and Reading Group Discussions of Post-Postmodernist Fictions of the Digital

15:45 Coffee Break

– Chair: Dr. Elena Hamidy

16:00 Dr. Lukas Kosch (Wien) (in German / auf Deutsch)

Medialität, Digitalität und Literarizität: Literarisches Lesen als Praktik und Prozess
[Mediality, Digitality, and Literariness: Literary Reading as Practice and Process]

16:45 Prof. Dr. Alexandra Pontzen (Duisburg-Essen) (in German / auf Deutsch)

Lesen und Werten als soziale Praxis in (akademischer) Lehre und Literaturbetrieb
[Reading, Evaluation and Valorization as Social Practices in (Academic) Teaching and the Literary World]

17.30 Coffee Break

18:00 Podiumsdiskussion (in German / auf Deutsch)

“Weiter-Lesen: Welche Ressourcen braucht eine Zukunft des Lesens?“

Isabella Caldart (Literaturvermittlerin | Journalistin)

Cosima Schneider (Buchherstellung | Diplom-Designerin)

Anja Golebiowski (Referentin | Universitätsbibliothek Giessen)

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen

Dinner (self-pay)

Thursday, 4 December

9.00 Reception/Coffee

– Chair: Prof. Dr. Dirk Uffelmann

9.30 Keynote Lecture

Prof. Dr. Ilya Kukulín (Stanford)

Making Meaning from Extreme Experiences: New Reading Practices and Their Mediatization in Russophone Communities, 2022–2025

10:30 Coffee Break

– Chair: Prof. Dr. Dirk Uffelmann

10:45 Prof. Dr. Birgitte Beck Pristed (Aarhus) | Dr. Nadiia Pavlyk (Aarhus)

Reading (with) the Readers: Research Ethics and Informed Consent in a Shared Reading Project for War-Affected Youth in Ukraine

11:30 Dr. Elena Hamidy (Giessen)

Digital Literary Battlegrounds: Russian-Ukrainian Communities Clash Over the Dar 2025 Award on Facebook

12:15 Lunch Break

– Chair: Dr. Elena Hamidy

13:15 Prof. Dr. Gerhard Lauer (Mainz)

A Gentle Madness. The Social Role of the Young Female Reader

14:00 Dr. Xiaofei Tu (Boone, North Carolina)

Gender, Genre, and the Global: Transcultural Reading Practices in Chinese Baihe (Girls' Love) Fandoms

14:45 Coffee Break

– Chair: Dr. Oleksandr Chertenko

15:00 Dr. Barbara Bausch (Berlin)

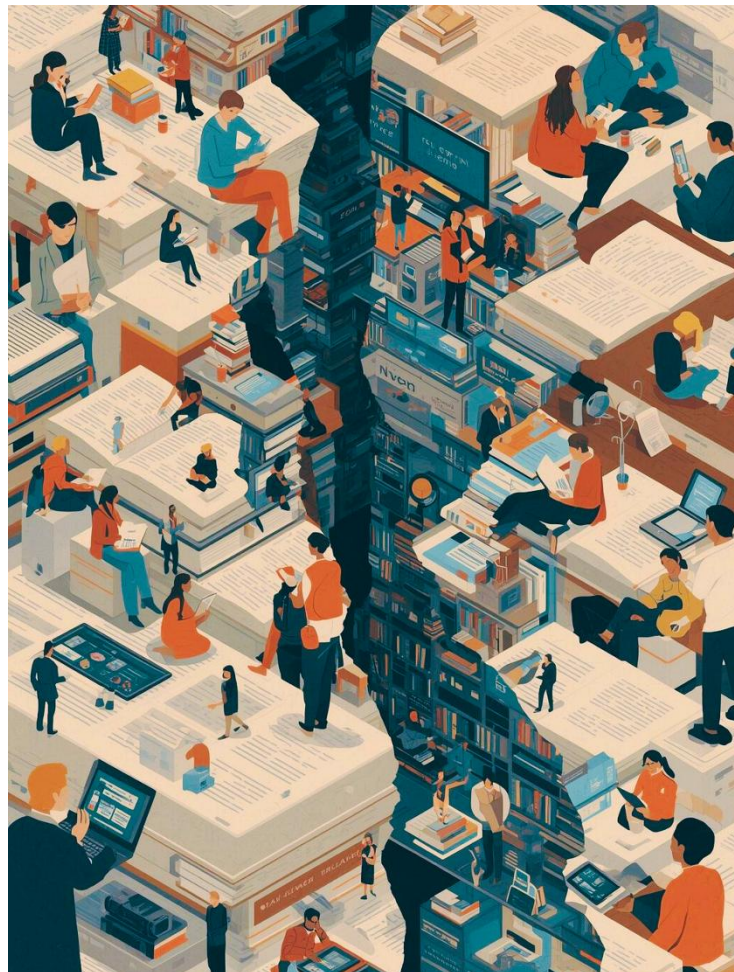
Plenitude and Sustenance. Reparative Reading Practices of the Present (Zambreno, Nelson, Geißler)

15:45 Marie-Theres Stickel (Giessen)

A 'Reparative Rupture' in 21st-Century Literary Reading Cultures: Martina Hefter's Novel Hey guten Morgen, wie geht es dir? and its Book Prize

16.30 Closing Session

17.00 Farewell and Bon voyage!



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