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International Conference

Naming, Renaming: the Power of the Name in English-Speaking Cultures and Literature

Nommer, dénommer, renommer :
le pouvoir du Nom dans les cultures et littératures anglophones



13-14 nov. 2025



Thursday November 13th: Day 1

9h30 Welcome and coffee

10h15-10h30 Opening remarks

10h30-12h **Panel 1: When Labelling Rhymes with Criminalising**

Chair: Eglantine Zatout

Alice Bonzom (Lumière University Lyon 2)

"From Womanly Woman to Un-Womanly Fiend, Tigress, Virago, Inebriate, Feeble-Minded: Labelling Female Prisoners in Nineteenth-Century Britain"

Irène Delcourt (Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University)

"The Fiend, the Addict, and the User: From Pathologizing Vice to Criminalizing Patients (Discourses of Opiate and Opioid Addiction in the United States, 19th-21st Centuries)"

Marion Olharan Lagan (Montpellier 3 University)

"Liz Holmes Wants You to Forget About Elizabeth" Personal branding in the confidence game"

12h-13h30 Lunch Break

13h30-14h30 **Keynote: Luvell Anderson (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)**

"Theories of Reclamation" Chair: Manon Lefebvre

14h30- 15h30 **Panel 3: Naming in the Current American Political Climate**

Chair: Manon Lefebvre

C. Jon Delogu (Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University)

"Can We Call It Fascism Yet?" A Review and Reading of the Fascism Debate over Trump and MAGA

Lawrence Aje (La Réunion University)

"From Equity to Equality: Race-Related Executive Orders in the United States (2020-2025)"

15h30-15h45 Coffee Break

15h45-17h15 **Panel 4: Naming as an Identity Marker in the British Isles**

Chair: Irène Delcourt

Anne Cousson (Poitiers University)

"The "New British Bill of Rights": from a Historical Reference to Political Opposition"

Stéphanie Bory (Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University)

"From Wales to Cymru: Naming in Wales as Fighting for Power and Asserting a National Identity"

Airelle Théveniaut (University of Southern Brittany—Lorient)

"From Anglicization to Visual Bilingualism in Ireland"

Friday November 14th: Day 2

9h15-10h45 **Panel 5: Naming Trauma and the Unspeakable**

Chair: Jessica Jacquiel

Claire Poinot (Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University)

"There is No Word that Can Tell Out Very Plain What It Means": Conflicting Acts of Naming Physical and Mental Disorder in Medicine, Religion and Folk Culture in W.B. Yeats's and Lady Gregory's Play *The Unicorn from the Stars* (1908)"

Maiwenn-Iman Le Garff (Nanterre University)

« Le nom, l'innommable, l'indicible : Pouvoirs du langage dans le cycle de *Earthsea* d'Ursula K. Le Guin »

Caroline Magnin (University Paris-Est Créteil)

"After the Planes": Aesthetic and Memorial Implications of Naming the September 11 Attacks in American Fiction"

10h45-11h Coffee break

11h-12h30 **Panel 6: The Cultural Implications of Naming**

Chair: C. Jon Delogu

John Baker (University of Nottingham)

"Power Dynamics in Pre-Modern Place-Names"

Laura Martin-Gomez & Giovanni Mirouh (University of Toulouse and University of Granada)

"Pluton's Classification, from Science to Popular Culture"

Elsa Grassy (Strasbourg University)

"From «Hillbilly» to «Americana»: Country Music's Struggle for Respectability and Identity"

12h30-14h Lunch break

14h-15h30 **Panel 7 : Naming to Order in Literature**

Chair: Claire Poinot

Lena Osty (Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University)

« Entre Paralyse et émancipation : La résistance au nom dans *Agnes Grey* d'Anne Brontë »

Christine Dualé (Jean Monnet University—Saint-Étienne)

"Redistribuer la Langue"/To Redistribute Language (Barthes, 1973) in Langston Hughes's *The Best of Simple*"

Raphaël Laloue (Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University)

"Give a dog a bad name" Maintaining and Subverting Hierarchies through Naming in *The Fraud* by Zadie Smith"

15h30-15h45 Coffee break

15h45-16h45 **Panel 8: Linguistic Assessment of Naming Processes**

Chair: Adeline Terry

Manon Bouyé (Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University)

"The Feminist Hero" and the "Hotel Maid": Naming Victims of Sexual Violence in the English-Speaking Press – a Diachronic Perspective on Two French High-Profile Cases"

Manon Philippe (Rennes 2 University)

"*You fuckers / you college girls / you Mexicans*: Calling People Names without (Always) Seeming to with Appositive *you N-pl*"

16h45-17h45 **Panel 9: Young Authors, Young Readers: Creating Meaning though Names**

Chair: Léa Boichard

Amandine Vattaire (Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University)

"«I've Got Two Names»: Constructing Character Identity through Sounds in the Pooh Audiobooks"

Lauriana Dumont (Côte d'Azur University)

"Onomastic Games of Hide-and-Seek in Juvenilia: from Play to Literature"