

## Spanning Regions and Disciplines: Fourth Student and Alumni Conference of the European Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies



25 April 2024, Bamberg

### Call for Papers

“Diversity: Literary, Cultural and Linguistic Perspectives”

After a very successful third edition of “Spanning Regions and Disciplines” in Krakow in May 2023, the team of the European Joint Master's Programme at the University of Bamberg is very happy to announce a fourth student and alumni conference on 25 April 2024, organised in combination with the annual consortium meeting of the academic coordinators of the Joint Programme. The conference will be held in continuation of our new teaching format, the Online Lecture Series of the Joint Programme, which will focus on the topic of diversity from literary, cultural and linguistic perspectives from November 2023 and is accessible to all students and alumni of the programme.

Prof Dr Wladyslaw Witalisz from Uniwersytet Jagiellonski w Krakowie will start our conference with a keynote on the topic of “Latinx Shakespeare: Carlos Morton's *Trumpus Caesar* and the power of political farce”, and Kedon Willis, assistant professor at the City College of New York, will initiate the afternoon panels with his talk on “Queer Literatures of the Caribbean”.

We would like to invite all students in and graduates of the Joint Degree/Programme to contribute to our conference with either a paper or a poster presentation which deals with the topic of diversity from a literary, cultural, linguistic or transdisciplinary angle. In accordance with the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity of 2001, we consider cultural diversity to be part of our ‘common heritage of humanity’ and thus to be a source of innovation and creativity: “the cultural wealth of the world is its diversity in dialogue” (UNESCO). Its appreciation and protection are major prerequisites for international and intersectional solidarity and exchange. This conference aims to exemplify this understanding of diversity as a fundamentally human need. Within the area of English and American Studies, there is ample opportunity to explore representations and negotiations of cultural diversity. We encourage you thus to participate in our conference with papers examining diversity and plurality in the areas of language, religion, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age etc. and their literary and cultural representations.

We accept your proposals by 1 November and will inform all applicants of our decision by 1 December.

**Most important information at a glance:**

What? student and alumni conference, followed by a reception

When? Thu, 25 April 2024 from 9 am

Venue: Markusstraße 8a, building 2, room 00.10 (accessible for people with impairments), Bamberg

Format: in person for contributors; hybrid for audience  
(Zoom access: <https://uni-bamberg.zoom-x.de/j/69599162926>)

Deadline for proposals:

1 November 2023

Please send your proposals (max. 300 words) plus a short bio (max. 200 words) to [conferences.englit@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:conferences.englit@uni-bamberg.de).

Length of papers: 20 minutes

Poster format: DIN A0

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Conference Website: <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/ma-eas/joint-lecture-series/>  
(Please keep checking for any updates on the conference and the conference programme.)



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