

Call for Papers: Narratives of Body and Mind

Young Researchers Conference (Online)

8th – 10th April 2021 (Application Deadline extended)

In this upcoming interdisciplinary online-conference "**Narratives of Body and Mind**", the Aachen Center for Cognitive and Empirical Literary Studies (ACCELS) wants to connect Master's students, Ph.D. students and early Post-Docs to examine research in which narrative theory meets narratives of the body, narratives of the mind and the common ground between them. Since the cognitive turn in narrative theory opened up a new research field for literary studies, new and innovative approaches have been developed in various research areas, including the study of narrative. How do approaches such as embodied cognition aim to explain the various phenomena readers encounter during the reading process? Which cognitive models and approaches can be used to account for the building of storyworlds and readers' individual spatial situatedness in these worlds? And how does narration influence the way we situate ourselves within our autobiographical stories?

The conference will take place online between **8th and 10th of April 2021**. It is organized by **ACCELS**, which belongs to the **Department for English, American and Romance Studies at RWTH Aachen University**. RWTH Aachen University is internationally renowned for its research quality. In this context, ACCELS is Germany's first research centre that focuses solely on the opportunities and challenges connected to cognitive and empirical approaches to literature. As such, we would like to invite especially PhD-candidates and -students as well as Master's students and early PostDocs to connect and share their work with us, and to become part of a growing network of researchers. Applications should be linked to cognitive and/or empirical literary studies in general and could be connected to one of the following research areas:

Narratives and Conceptions of Health

Narratives and Conceptions of Space

Narratives of Disability and Genre

Narratives and Conceptions of Gender

Speculative Narratives and Storyworlds

Empirical Approaches to Experientiality

Please send us an **abstract** of your paper containing **no more than 250 words** and a **short academic biography of 150 words** at accels@rwth-aachen.de.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts will be **5th of October 2020**. We will inform you about our decision in January 2020. We plan to **publish selected papers from the conference in an edited volume**.