

LITERATURE AND CRISIS

Department of Modern Languages



An International Symposium

Crisis, war, state of emergency, catastrophe: these terms have become increasingly recurrent in contemporary debates on the state of the planet. When one talks about crisis, it goes from the most intimate spheres to social, political, and environmental spheres. Throughout the course of history, literature has carved a space of interrogation and confrontation of ideas, serving as a privileged field where individual and collective crises are confronted, replayed, negotiated, and questioned. This conference aims to solicit a discussion on how world literature reflects and responds to 'crises' – visible and invisible, from ancient to contemporary – with an emphasis on the ideas and aesthetic choices developed within diverse literary traditions.

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The event is free and open to the public

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April 9th - 10th, 2015 | MARC Pavilion

9 AM - 5:30 PM

Panel titles:

How Does Literature Represent the *After*?

Ecology and Literature

Can Literature Speak Political Economy?

Writing the Invisible

Territoriality and Literature

Literary Forms in Crisis

Keynote speakers:

Thursday, April 9th | 9:15 - 10:45am

Dr. Mihoko Suzuki, University of Miami

"Antigone's Example: Women's Political Writing and Civil War"

Thursday, April 9th | 7:30 - 8:30pm

FROST Museum

Dr. Tracy Devine Guzmán, University of Miami

"Killing the Water and Other Fictions of Development: On Native Critique of the Americas"

Friday, April 10th | 3:40 - 5:20pm

Dr. Joshua Landy, Stanford University

"Slight Expectations: Literature in (a) Crisis"