

CALL FOR PAPERS

'evolutions' **22-23 September 2006**

A two-day international conference hosted by the School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures at the University of Edinburgh

Keynote Speaker: Professor Simon Frith

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

-Ecclesiastes 1:9

A revolution is not a dinner-party.

-Mao Zedong

We are causing the reversal of evolution.

-James Hart, Eugenic Manifesto

Come writers and critics

Who prophesize with your pen

And keep your eyes wide

The chance won't come again

-Bob Dylan, 'The Times They Are A-Changin' '

The evolution of 'evolutions' has taken us from the Bible to Mao, from eugenics to rock music. For this conference we encourage speakers to engage with both past and contemporary approaches to this broad theme, addressing the idea of evolutions from a variety of different perspectives. Academics and postgraduate students working in the fields of theory, literature, film, culture, history, and the arts are welcome to submit single papers and full panels for consideration. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following suggestions:

- * Evolutions and revolutions
- * Revolutions in form and genre
- * From the local to the global
- * Concept and travels
- * Evolution of literary imagination
- * Cyborgs and the post-human
- * Darwinian theories of literary evolution
- * Canon formation
- * Evolutions of diaspora, memory, trauma
- * Popular culture and evolution
- * Rites of passage
- * Ecoliterature and ecocriticism
- * Life writing genres and new subjectivities
- * Evolutions of oceanic traversal
- * Degeneration
- * Revision and translation
- * Evolution and philosophy
- * Literary forms and media

* Religion and evolution

Applicants who are interested in submitting a paper for 'evolutions' should send a title and abstract of no more than 300 words accompanied by a short CV to the following e-mail address: <evolutions.conference@ed.ac.uk>.

The deadline for submission is 15

July, and speakers whose proposals have been accepted will be notified shortly after that. Papers delivered at the conference are expected to be approximately 20 minutes long.

Selected papers from the conference will be collected and published in a special issue of Forum, Postgraduate Journal of Culture and the Arts, University of Edinburgh.

For more information please visit the conference website at <<http://forum.llc.ed.ac.uk/evolutions/>>

If you have any questions concerning abstract submission please contact us at the following e-mail address: <evolutions.conference@ed.ac.uk>.

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