

Green Connections: Environmental Response and the Arts

5 September 2014

An interdisciplinary postgraduate symposium held at the University of Exeter, Streatham Campus, Exeter



Keynote: Dr Daro Montag
Writing Workshop: George Ttoouli
Round-table Discussion: Professor Nick Groom, Dr Elizabeth-Jane Burnett and a Transition Town representative.

Deadline for abstracts: 5 August

How do we respond to environments? Creatively? Sympathetically? Rashly? Response does not always involve response-ability but should it? Timothy Morton asks ‘But what about global warming? Doesn’t that make a global response necessary?’ This opens the question of global and local response, personal response and collective response as well as prompting thought to what we are responding to: environmentally destructive behaviour, animals, the sublime. Which mediums might help or hinder responses? How might we overcome the ‘crisis of representation’ (Timothy Clark) through language, paint, theatre? What is the impact of our response?

This symposium in conjunction with the [Centre for Contemporary Art and the Natural World](#) investigates the concept of response today and looks for both critical and creative participations with environments. This event hopes to create a South West dialogue and so particularly welcomes participants with a South West focus and/or participants who are locally based. Areas and themes can include but are not limited to:

- Interdisciplinary collaboration (Literature, Cultural Geography, Visual Culture, Fine Art, Drama) and Site-Specific work.
- Identities, systems, boundaries and interrelation.
- Public engagement and communication.
- The ethics and aesthetics of response.
- Mediums involving sculpture, paint, drawing, mapping, installation, film.
- Temporal and spatial dynamics.
- Responses from South-West Writers and practitioners.
- Tradition and innovation: experimentation and response.
- The implications and impacts of certain types of response.

A number of travel bursaries will be available for abstracts relevant to the theme and there will be an opportunity for publication in the peer-reviewed journal [Politics of Place](#). Please send an abstract of 250 words for 20 minute papers along with a short profile to greenconnections@outlook.com. **Deadline: 5 August.**

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