Roots on Routes: Environment, Identity and Space

Thursday, March 21st

10:30-10:45	Opening		
10:45-11:25	Keynote	Jenna Robar, Manager of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – YMCA Toronto. On the Path Towards Reconciliation: Equity, Inclusion, and Collaborative Communities.	
11:25-11:30	Break		
11:30-12:30	Panel 1 FNB 1240	 Dolon Sarkar. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. (Virtual) Caste, Ecology and Gambhira Performance: Dalit Environmentalism in Indo-Bangladesh Borderland Akshata Sharad Pai. University of Hyderabad, India. (Virtual) Weathering in Place: The Everyday Anthropocene in Jesmyn Ward's Salvage the Bones and Idra Sinha's Animal's People 	
		Bhawya Wadhera. McMaster University. (Virtual) The Familiar and the Foreign: Looking Back at the Erstwhile Homeland	
12:30-2:00	Lunch		
2:00-3:00	Panel 2 UC 3110 (Conron Hall)	Iraboty Kazi. Western University. Hatecopy: Diasporic Identities and Spaces José Javier Ponce de León Eyl. Western University. Landscapes, Video Games, and the Reconfiguration of the Past: A Study of The Mask of the Sun (1982) Evelyn Mohr. University of Konstanz, Germany. (Virtual) Post-Apocalyptic Journeys and the Search for Meaning in the Anthropocene: A Case Study of The Leftovers (HBO, 2014-2017)	
3:00-3:25	Special Talk	Surveyor Efik. Climate Poet/Director, Global Climate Connect. Inspiring Climate Literacy for Climate Action Through Arts	
3:25-3:40	Coffee Brak		
3:40-4:40	Panel 3 UC 3110 (Conron Hall)	Thomas Storey. King's College London, UK. (Virtual) Mapping the Anthropocene: Jorie Graham's Eco-poetics of Deterritorialization Mirella Reichenbach Livoti. University of British Columbia. Body as Sign: Narrative Form and Gender in Señales que precederán al fin del mundo by Yuri Herrera Prishanti Pathak. University of Miami. (Virtual) Magic Portals and Border Machineries: Interrogating Global Cities and their Colonial Geographies in Mohsin Hamid's "Exit West"	
4:40-4:50	Closing Remarks		

Friday, March 22nd

10:30-10:45	Opening		
10:45-11:45	Panel 1 FNB 1240	Kanimozhi B. Thiruvalluvar University, Serkkadu, India. (Virtual) Global Media and Cultural Impact	
		Khedidja Chergui. Teachers' Superior College for the Letters and Humanities, Bouzaréah, Algiers. (Virtual) Migration and Gender-based Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa: Stories and Statistics	
		Atinuke Tiamiyu. Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. (Virtual) We Are Both Skeptical: Navigating Social Connection Challenges and Coping Techniques Amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic – A Study of African Newcomer Immigrants in St. John's, NL (2020-2022)	
11:45-12:00	Coffee break		
12:00-12:45	Panel 2 FNB 1240	Zainab Mahmood. University of New Brunswick. Examining Living Conditions of Migrant Workers in Canada Under the TFWP: An Interdisciplinary Research Perspective	
		Erika Borrelli. University of Windsor. Voices of Precarious Labour: Unveiling the Role of Non-Union Employee Representation Models in Fostering Resilience Among Migrant Farmworkers in North America	
12:45-2:00	Lunch		
2:00-2:40	Keynote UC 3110 (Conron Hall)	Dr. Jennifer Long , MacEwan University. Title TBA	
2:40-3:00	Coffee Brea	Coffee Break	
3:00-4:00	Panel 3 UC 3110 (Conron Hall)	Natalia Parra. Western University. Between the "State" and the Claimants: The Refugee and Asylum Adjudication System in Canada	
		Misha Maitreyi. University of New Brunswick. (Virtual) Memory Echoes: Unveiling the Impact of Collective Violence Against Indian Sikhs and Muslims	
		Tenzin Khentse. FCJ Refugee Centre, Toronto. Between Home-land and Host-land: The Political Agency of Tibetan Youth in Exile	
4:00-4:10	Closing Remarks		

Saturday, March 23rd

10:00-10:15	Opening		
10:15-11:15	Panel 1 UC 3110 (Conron Hall)	Fatme Abdallah. Western University. DisOrienting Water: Imagined Nautical Geographies in Mahmoud Darwich's A Rivers Dies of Thirst	
		Marisa Bordonaro. Western University. "Link[ing] [the] Home with the World:" Crafting English Subjectivities with Sugar in Robert May's The Accomplisht Cook and Hannah Woolley's The Queen-like Closet	
		Chayana Mondal. Jadavpur University, India. (Virtual) Padma: A Study of Riparian Identities in the Literary Texts of Twentieth Century Bengal	
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30-12:30	Panel 2 UC 3110 (Conron Hall)	Alexandria Poppendorf. University of Calgary. (Virtual) Beyond Humanism: Posthumanism and its Implications for Education in the Anthropocene	
		Mohammad Javanmard. University of Warwick, UK. Inside Out: Collective Bodies and the Blurring Line between Inside and Outside Spaces	
		Suryashi Dubey. Dr. Hari Singh Gour Central University, Sagar, India. (Virtual) Japanese Aesthetics and Significance of the Ecological Sacred in Literature and Culture	
12:30-2:00	Lunch		
2:00-3:20	Panel 3 UC 3110 (Conron Hall)	Kavya Mitchi D. PSG College of Arts and Science. Tamil Nadu, India. (Virtual) Dealing with Displacement: Analyzing Anita Nair's Idris: Keeper of the Light	
		Samiksha Puri. McGill University. Exploring Migration through an Ecocritical Lens in Geología de un planeta desierto by Patricio Jara	
		Asmita Saha. Illinois State University. (Virtual) Land's Labor Lost: Nature and Abstraction in Jessica J. Lee's Two Trees Make a Forest	
		Giada Ferrucci. Western University. Migration Chronicles: Museums as Architects of Global Conversations on Diaspora and Mobility	
3:20-4:00	Keynote	Dr. Victoria Jara . Western University. Beyond the Anglosphere of Fear: An Approximation to the Fungal Turn in Literatures from the Global South	
4:00-4:10	Closing Remarks		