



**Institute of English  
University of Opole  
and  
Faculty of English  
Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań**

are pleased to announce the interdisciplinary international conference:

***Redefining Australia and New Zealand:***

***Historical Heritage and Contemporary Perspectives  
in Language, Culture and Literature***

**24-25 November 2017**

**Opole, Poland**

The conference will provide an ideal venue for the exploration of Australasia in terms of perspectives in the academy and beyond, in ways that will seek to investigate the directions in the studies of language, culture and literature. Thus the term "redefine" has intentionally been used in the title of the conference to provoke, encourage and invite scholars from all disciplines (anthropology, cultural studies, history, law, linguistics, literary studies, political science, sociology and other), as well as writers and artists from the Australasian region to share their work on the new perspectives in their research within Studies of Australia and New Zealand. The processes of defining, refining and redefining prove exceptionally useful for the international and interdisciplinary exchange of ideas, views and findings on Australasian cultures, societies, literature, history and society, but at the same time, they acknowledge the importance of historical and cultural heritage.

One of the aims of the conference is to establish and hold the first general meeting of the Polish Association for Studies of Australasia. The idea for the Association was inspired by a conference organized last July by the Faculty of English at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, entitled "Europe and Down Under: Bridging Gaps and Fostering Connections". The conference brought

together Polish, German and Australian scholars of literary and cultural studies as well as history and linguistics. The interest in the conference prompted the organizers and participants to create an organization that would create a network of Polish and international scholars of the Australasian region. We would like to encourage all participants to become members of the Association.

The conference will be a cross-disciplinary one and so the papers on topics related to Australian and New Zealand Studies, including History, Literature, Culture, Film Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Media Studies, Geography, Spatial Studies, Architecture, Political Science, Indigenous Studies, Gender Studies, Linguistics, Translation Studies, Education Sociology, Art History, Religion, Philosophy, and other are very welcome.

Therefore, we propose a platform to reflect upon themes that address, but are not restricted to:

- Literature and its historical context
- Narrativization of Indigenous experiences
  
- Historical narratives
- Linguistic dilemmas and difficulties in the context of diasporic and/or white settler corpuses
- Contextualization of oppression and resistance
- Cultural texts and changing social relations
- Diversity, culture, governance
- Indigenous knowledge and politics
- Borders and mobilities
- Culture, gender and decolonisation
- Culture, gender and sexuality
- Securitization
- Australasian cultural studies
- Critical and cultural theory
- Globalisation and culture
- Inter-Asian cultural studies
- Migrant cultural studies
- Australia – South Asia studies
- Multicultural, intercultural and cross-cultural studies
- Popular cultures and genres
- Public culture and cultural policy
- Race and racism
- Rethinking the human
- Screen and media culture

**Confirmed Keynote speakers:** Dr Katarzyna Williams, Australian National University, Canberra.

**Publication:** : the publication of a special issue of *Explorations: A Journal of Language and Literature*, a double-blind peer-refereed open-access online journal published by the Institute of English, Opole University, is planned after the conference. Conference participants will also be invited to submit their manuscripts to *Studia Anglica Posnaniensia*, an international review of English studies published by the Faculty of English, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań.

**The language of the conference is English.** The time allotted for individual papers will be twenty minutes with an additional ten minutes for discussion.

We invite proposals for papers (not exceeding 300 words, including the title, your professional affiliation, e-mail address, phone number, and audio-video requirements), 60-minute interactive workshops, round-table discussions, posters, or poetry and prose readings together with a 100 word bio to the conference secretary at [redefining.conference.opole@gmail.com](mailto:redefining.conference.opole@gmail.com) or via the conference website: <https://redefiningconferen.wixsite.com/redefiningconference>

The deadline for proposals is **May 31<sup>st</sup>2017**.

Submissions will be acknowledged by email.

Acceptance information will be emailed to participants on **June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**Conference fees:**

- early bird (by July 30th): **PLN450 or €115**  
MA and PhD Students: **PLN 350 or €75**
- after July 30th: **PLN 500 €125**  
MA and PhDstudents: **PLN 400 or €100**

The full fee includes the cost of all tea/coffee breaks, conference dinner, and conference materials. The fee does not include accommodation costs.

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