

Call for Papers

Antarctic Visions: Cultural Perspectives on the Southern Continent

21-23 June 2010

University of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia

Website: <http://www.utas.edu.au/ejel/antarctic%20visions>

Following the success of the “Imagining Antarctica” conference at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand in September 2008, the University of Tasmania will host “Antarctic Visions,” a second conference examining Antarctica from a cultural perspective. Drawing on the arts, social sciences and humanities, the conference will focus attention on the ways we perceive and represent the southernmost continent. Connections with other disciplines – particularly scientific disciplines – are encouraged, as are new approaches to familiar challenges, such as the whaling and climate change debates. While the primary focus of the conference is on the far south, papers which combine Antarctic and Arctic material are welcome.

Papers of twenty minutes with ten-minute question times are invited. Panel proposals are also welcome.

Topics might include:

Climate change and the South Polar regions: what can the humanities add to the conversation?

Antarctica in literature, music, art, photography and film

The influence of perceptions of Antarctica on policy

Rethinking the heroic era

Tasmanian connections to the Antarctic

Human-animals relations in Antarctic

Resource exploitation (including whaling)

Gender and Polar Studies

Postcolonial Antarctica

Subantarctic islands: histories and cultures

Polar pastimes

Food in polar history

Cultural geography of Antarctica

Polar psychology

Antarctic travel and tourism

Antarctic archives, libraries, artefacts and museums

Please submit an abstract of your paper, or your proposal for a panel, with a brief biography, to Ralph.Crane@utas.edu.au or Elizabeth.Leane@utas.edu.au by Monday 15 March 2010.

Conference contributors might also be interested in attending some or all of another University of Tasmania conference, "Oceanic Passages," 23-25 June 2010, hosted by the Centre for Colonialism and its Aftermath.

Convenors: Prof. Ralph Crane (University of Tasmania), Dr Elizabeth Leane (University of Tasmania), Dr Steve Nicol (Australian Antarctic Division), Dr Mark Williams (Victoria University of Wellington)

Keynote Speakers:

Max Jones

Senior Lecturer in Modern History, U of Manchester. Author of *The Last Great Quest: Captain Scott's Antarctic Sacrifice*, a cultural history of the Scott expedition, and editor of OUP edition of Scott's journals.

Christy Collis

Lecturer in Media and Communications at Queensland University of Technology; author of a number of articles on Antarctica, concentrating on postcoloniality and spatiality.

William L. Fox

Writer; author of *Terra Antarctica: Looking into the Emptiest Continent* and numerous other books.