

## [Monsters: An Inclusive Interdisciplinary Conference](#)

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Type:

Conference

Date:

August 31, 2019 to September 1, 2019

Location:

Portugal

Subject Fields:

Cultural History / Studies, Film and Film History, Humanities, Literature, Popular Culture Studies

Monsters

An Inclusive Interdisciplinary Conference

Saturday 31st August 2019 - Sunday 1st September 2019

Lisbon, Portugal

This inclusive interdisciplinary conference seeks to investigate and explore the enduring influence and imagery of monsters and the monstrous on human culture throughout history. In particular, the project will have a dual focus with the intention of examining specific 'monsters' as well as assessing the role, function and consequences of persons, actions or events identified as 'monstrous'. The history and contemporary cultural influences of monsters and monstrous metaphors will also be examined with a view to forming a selective publication to engender further collaboration and discussion.

Consistent with its inter-disciplinary ethos, the event proposes to step outside the traditional conference setting and offer opportunities for artists, photographers, practitioners, theorists, independent scholars, academics, performers, writers, and others to intermingle, providing platforms for interdisciplinary interactions that are fruitful and conducive to broadening horizons and sparking future projects, collaborations, and connections.

The organisers welcome proposals for presentations, displays, exhibits, round tables, panels, interactive workshops and other activities to stimulate engagement and discussion on any aspect of the interplay between monsters, monstrosities, and the monstrous, particularly in relation to any of the following themes:

- \* The "monster" through history
- \* Civilization, monsters and the monstrous
- \* Children, childhood, stories and monsters; monsters and parents
- \* Comedy: funny monsters and/or making fun of monsters (e.g. Monsters Inc, the Addams Family)
- \* Making monsters; monstrous births
- \* Mutants and mutations
- \* Technologies of the monstrous
- \* Horror, fear and scare
- \* Do monsters kill because they are monstrous or are they monstrous because they kill?

- \* How critical to the definition of “monster” is death or the threat of death?
- \* human ‘monsters’ and ‘monstrous’ acts? e.g, perverts, paedophiles and serial killers
- \* the monstrous and gender
- \* Revolution and monsters; the monstrous and politics; enemies (political/social/military) and monsters
- \* Iconography of the monstrous
- \* The popularity of the modern monsters; the Mummy, Dracula, Frankenstein, Vampires, Hannibal
- \* The monster in literature
- \* the monstrous in popular culture: film, television, theatre, radio, print, internet
- \*The monstrous and journalism
- \* Religious depictions of the monstrous; the monstrous and the supernatural
- \* Metaphors and the monstrous
- \* the monstrous and war, war reportage / propaganda

Papers will also be accepted which deal solely with specific monsters.

#### What to Send

The aim of this interdisciplinary conference and collaborative networking event is to bring people together and encourage creative conversations in the context of a variety of formats: papers, seminars, workshops, storytelling, performances, poster presentations, panels, q&a’s, round-tables etc.

300 word proposals, presentations, abstracts and other forms of contribution and participation should be submitted by Friday 8th March 2019. Other forms of participation should be discussed in advance with the Organising Chair.

All submissions will be minimally double reviewed, under anonymous (blind) conditions, by a global panel drawn from members of the Project Development Team and the Advisory Board. In practice our procedures usually entail that by the time a proposal is accepted, it will have been triple and quadruple reviewed.

You will be notified of the panel’s decision by Friday 22nd March 2019.

If your submission is accepted for the conference, a full draft of your contribution should be submitted by Friday 12th July 2019.

Abstracts and proposals may be in Word, PDF, RTF or Notepad formats with the following information and in this order:

a) author(s), b) affiliation as you would like it to appear in the programme, c) email address, d) title of proposal, e) body of proposal, f) up to 10 keywords.

E-mails should be entitled: Monsters Submission.

#### Early Bird Submission and Discount

Submissions received on or before Friday 8th February 2019 will be eligible for a 10% registration fee discount.

#### Where to Send

Abstracts should be submitted simultaneously to the Organising Chair and the Project Administrator:

Dr Cristina Santos: [csantos@brocku.ca](mailto:csantos@brocku.ca)

Project Administrator: [lisbonmonsters@progressiveconnexions.net](mailto:lisbonmonsters@progressiveconnexions.net)

#### What's so Special About Progressive Connexions Events?

A fresh, friendly, dynamic format – at Progressive Connexions we are dedicated to breaking away from the stuffy, old-fashion conference formats, where endless presentations are read aloud off PowerPoints. We work to bring you an interactive format, where exchange of experience and information is alternated with captivating workshops, engaging debates and round tables, time set aside for getting to know each other and for discussing common future projects and initiatives, all in a warm, relaxed, egalitarian atmosphere.

A chance to network with international professionals – the beauty of our interdisciplinary events is that they bring together professionals from all over the world and from various fields of activity, all joined together by a shared passion. Not only will the exchange of experience, knowledge and stories be extremely valuable in itself, but we seek to create lasting, ever-growing communities around our projects, which will become a valuable resource for those belonging to them.

A chance to be part of constructing change – There is only one thing we love as much as promoting knowledge: promoting real, lasting social change by encouraging our participants to take collective action, under whichever form is most suited to their needs and expertise (policy proposals, measuring instruments, research projects, educational materials, etc.) We will support all such actions in the aftermath of the event as well, providing a platform for further discussions, advice from the experts on our Project Advisory Team and various other tools and intellectual resources, as needed.

An opportunity to discuss things that matter to you – Our events are not only about discussing how things work in the respective field, but also about how people work in that field – what are the struggles, problems and solutions professionals have found in their line of work, what are the areas where better communication among specialists is needed and how the interdisciplinary approach can help bridge those gaps and help provide answers to questions from specific areas of activity.

An unforgettable experience – When participating in a Progressive Connexions event, there is a good chance you will make some long-time friends. Our group sizes are intimate, our venues are comfortable and relaxing and our event locations are suited to the history and culture of the event.

#### Ethos

Progressive Connexions believes it is a mark of personal courtesy and professional respect to your colleagues that all delegates should attend for the full duration of the meeting. If you are unable to make this commitment, please do not submit an abstract or proposal for presentation.

Please note: Progressive Connexions is a not-for-profit network and we are not in a position to be able to assist with conference travel or subsistence, nor can we offer discounts off published rates and fees.

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