

Call for panels and papers

**Concurrences in postcolonial research – perspectives, methodologies, engagements
Linnaeus University, Kalmar, Sweden, 20-23 August 2015**



In recent years, postcolonial research has set out to challenge dominating statements of the past and present. This is where the concept of concurrences comes in, which is a guiding term for this conference. It is also the general focus for Linnaeus University Centre for Concurrences in Colonial and Postcolonial Studies. We are interested in concurrent stories with varying claims to reality and fiction, and with different, diverging, and at times competing claims to society, culture, and historical past. For example, dominant Western narrations about colonial power relationships may be challenged by alternative sources such as heritage objects and oral traditions. These may counteract the conventions of the Western archives and enable the voice of minorities or dominated groups to be heard. In that way, concurrences can work both as a methodology and a theoretical perspective. By studying concurrent stories connected to cultural encounters one may pinpoint asymmetrical power relations. In this context, concepts such as voice, place and archive may be developed. Against this background, the present conference will be structured around six major themes:

- Archives and transformations
- Nordic colonialism
- Entangled hi/stories of home and away, including travel writing
- Ecological issues and the right to water and land
- Migration and globalization
- Visual and material culture

It will be possible to suggest additional themes. We invite scholars from the humanities and social sciences and others with an interest in postcolonial issues to submit abstracts for organized panels and individual presentations.

The abstracts for panels should be no more than 300 words, and should be submitted to Åse Magnusson (ase.magnusson@lnu.se) no later than **7 September 2014**.

Abstracts for individual papers, comprising no more than 200 words, should be submitted to the above mentioned email address no later than **15 January 2015**.

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Linnaeus University (<http://lnu.se>) is a double campus comprising Växjö and Kalmar (see map below). The conference will take place in Kalmar, by the east coast of southern Sweden. Kalmar has direct train connection with Copenhagen Airport (less than 4 hours travel time). Information about conference fee will follow later. A conference web page will be set up within short. For general information about the Linnaeus University Centre for Concurrences in Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, see <http://lnu.se/lnuc/linnaeus-university-centre-for-concurrences-in-colonial-and-postcolonial-studies-?l=en>

