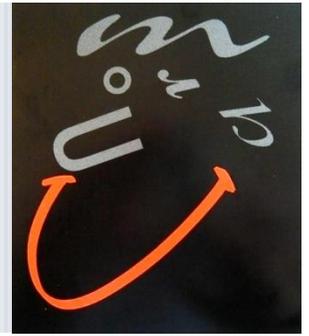


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AHSN COLLOQUIUM 2014: PROGRAM NOW ONLINE!

Mike Lloyd (for the Colloquium Convenors, Victoria University of Wellington)

As you all know, the 20th Colloquium of the AHSN will take place in **Wellington, New Zealand, 13-15 February**, at the **National Library of New Zealand**. The conference theme is “Anything Goes” and there will be a special evening session on cartooning.

The Provisional Program can now be accessed here:

<http://sydney.edu.au/humourstudies/docs/ProgramAHSN2014Dec2013.docx>

Check it out!

Any future changes will be posted on the AHSN website. Subscribers to *The Humour Studies Digest* will also be notified in upcoming issues.

For more details, visit the Events pages of the AHSN website: <http://sydney.edu.au/humourstudies/>

THIS EDITION

Your Eds, Jessica Milner Davis and Rebecca Higgie, have a jam-packed issue of The Digest this month.

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CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S 100 YEARS IN MOVIES

State Library NSW and Australia's Silent Film Festival salute Charlie Chaplin's start in film 100 years ago: 1914-2014

Charlie's genius captivated and enchanted audiences around the world within a very short period of time. That relationship has never ended and the whole world claims Charlie as its own: the qualities of his roles as director, actor and composer are timeless and universal.

Three glorious sessions of restored and rarely seen Charlie classics with soundtracks will take place on successive Sundays at 2pm in the Metcalfe Auditorium at the State Library, Sydney:

January 5: *Shoulder Arms* and *The Pilgrim*

January 12: *The Kid* and *A Dog's Life*

January 19: *The Gold Rush*

Ticket prices are \$20 Full and \$15 Friend of the Library/Concession.

A discounted Festival Gold Pass is available for the three January sessions at \$55 Full and \$40 Friend/Concession.

Purchases can be made through the website home page: www.ozsilentfilmfestival.com.au

More Charlie anniversary sessions are planned for later in 2014.



Zurich Study Seeks Participants

The team at Zurich is conducting an international study on laughter perception. They are searching for participants that speak English from all over the world to take part in this online experiment. The experiment investigates how people perceive laughter shown in the face, voice and body. The survey lasts about 1h (breaks possible). If participants wish, they can receive personal feedback on their personality scores.

Please visit: <http://ww3.unipark.de/uc/laughter/>

More details? Contact Jenny Hofmann: j.hofmann@psychologie.uzh.ch

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, SUMMER SCHOOLS AND ALL THAT JAZZ!

Notices from all over the world!

In addition to the Colloquium in February, AHSN members are invited to a bevy of upcoming conferences and seminars, including:

- The 2nd "Comedy Matters" Seminar (CCSR, Brunel University, Uxbridge, U.K.)
- 4th Humor Research Conference 2014 (Texas A&M Commerce at Rockwell, Texas, USA)
- Early bird rego and call for abstracts: 2014 ISHS Conference (Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands)
- 14th International Summer School and Symposium on Humour and Laughter (University of Sheffield, Sheffield, U.K.)



AHSN members Rebecca, Jessica and Will causing mischief at the 2013 ISHS Conference with 2014 ISHS Conference Convenor, Sibe Doosje.

See more details below!

2ND "COMEDY MATTERS" SEMINAR, CENTRE FOR COMEDY STUDIES RESEARCH (CCSR)

Dr Sharon Lockyer, Director, Centre for Comedy Studies Research (CCSR), reports

**When: 4pm-6pm, Wednesday
15 January 2014**

**Where: The Darwin Room,
Hamilton Centre, Brunel
University, Uxbridge, UB8
3PH**

**Everyone is welcome to attend,
but please register at:
comedy.studies@brunel.ac.uk**

In the new year, the CCSR will be holding its second 'Comedy Matters' Research Seminar. **Dr May McCreaddie (University of Stirling)** will give a talk entitled, "**Humour Use in Healthcare Interactions: A Risk Worth Taking.**"

This seminar examines the role humour in health care settings through analysis of spontaneous humour in nurse-patient interactions and among nurse-peer and patient-peer groups. The opportunities, limitations and impact of using potentially 'problematic' and 'non-problematic' humour in patient care will be explored.

4th HUMOR RESEARCH CONFERENCE, TEXAS A&M

When: 21-23 February 2014

Where: Texas A&M
Commerce, Rockwall.

More venue details here:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/locations/rockwall/default.aspx>

The 4th annual North East Texas Humor Research Conference (HRC) 2014 in Texas will take place as an international multidisciplinary all-plenary 3-day event at Texas A&M—Commerce's facility in Rockwall next door to Dallas, TX.



The theme of this year's HRC is "Intercultural and Cross-Cultural Humor."

Further details on the conference website:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/humor>



EARLY BIRD REGO AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

26TH INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HUMOR STUDIES (ISHS) CONFERENCE

*Dr Sibe Doosje, for the ISHS 2014
Convenors, reports*

From January 1st onwards, early bird registration and abstract submission will start. There will be special conference fees for ISHS members and for students.

The conference is held from 7 to 11 July, 2014, in the University Hall of Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands. The conference stands in a long tradition of humor studies conferences, held all over the world: Boston, Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Krakow, Williamsburg (2013) and many others. As conveners, we are proud to host the humor conference in our beautiful city.

If you want to know more or want to subscribe to our weekly conference blogs, please contact us at info@humorlab.nl

When: 7-11 July 2014

Where: University of
Utrecht, The Netherlands

More details here:

<http://ishs2014utrecht.nl/>

14th INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL AND SYMPOSIUM

ON HUMOUR AND LAUGHTER

Endorsed by the International Society for Humor Studies (ISHS), the International Summer School and Symposium on Humour and Laughter is a one-week intensive course on all aspects of humour: theory, research and applications.

It offers presentations and workshops by leading scholars in the field. As the course is primarily aimed at those who are at an early stage of exploring humour, most of the participants are research students, but the material is also suitable for more established scholars, if they are moving into the area of humour from another discipline.

The Symposium is an opportunity for the participants to present their own work and receive feedback. In addition, provision is made for participants to make appointments with the lecturers to receive one-to-one consultations about their work.

When: 14-19 July 2014

Where: University of Sheffield,
Sheffield, U.K.

If you are interested in more information,
visit:

<http://www.humoursummerschool.org/14>

Or contact:

organiser14@humoursummerschool.org



Humour School History

The Summer School and Symposium was founded in 2001 at Queen's University in Belfast by Professor Willibald Ruch, who oversees the event every year. It has been held all over Europe: Edinburgh (UK), Wolverhampton (UK), Tübingen (Germany), Fribourg (Switzerland), Aberdeen (UK), Galați (Romania), Granada (Spain), Zürich (Switzerland), Tartu (Estonia), Savonlinna (Finland) and in 2013 at Magdeburg (Germany).

In addition to Prof. Ruch, past lecturers at the Summer School have included: Salvatore Attardo, Christie Davies, Jessica Milner Davis, Christian Hempelman, Giselinde Kuipers, Paul Lewis, Rod Martin, Paul McGhee, John Morreall, Neal Norrick, Elliott Oring and Graeme Ritchie.

Australian participants in past Summer Schools include Alison O'Connor and Christine Nicholls.

The Summer School and Symposium is managed by an Advisory Board, along with Dr. Elena Hoicka, this year's local organiser.

THREE FRENCH JOURNALS DEDICATE AN ISSUE TO HUMOUR

Nelly Feuerhahn, Editor in Chief (*Humoresques*), reports

Three serious Francophone research journals, *Langage (Language)*, *Terrain (Terrain)* and *Humoresques (Humoresques)*, have all dedicated their final issues for 2013 to humour and laughter: the themes are, the humour of the last Presidential election campaign in France, the laughter of people from the past and present, and the constraints imposed on the expression of humour when it is transposed from one language to another.

The three volumes will be launched on Tuesday 17 December at the Office for University Presses, 86 rue Claude Bernard, Paris 75005. Present will be:

- Josiane Boutet, Professor of the Universités Paris-Sorbonne, Scientific Director of the journal, *Langage & Société*
- Anne-Christine Taylor, Director of Research and Teaching in Music, Musée Quai Branly, for the journal, *Terrain*
- Yen-Mai Tran-Gervat, Lecturer in General and Comparative Literature, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3, for the journal, *Humoresques*

For more information, visit: <http://www.humoresques.fr/>

New ASHN Member Publications

Scully, Richard. 'A Comic Empire: The Global Expansion of Punch as a Model Publication, 1841-1936.' *International Journal of Comic Art*, Vol.15, No.2, Fall 2013, pp. 6-35.

-- 'The Lion and the Unicorn: William Gladstone and Benjamin Disraeli Through William Empson's Looking Glass', *International Journal of Comic Art*, Vol.15, No.1, Spring 2013, pp. 323-37.

-- 'The History of the Australian Satirical Press.' *Ridiculosa – une publication annuelle de l'EIRIS*. Hors série - La presse satirique dans le monde (The world's satirical press), 2013, pp.527-41.

Richard, who teaches at the University of New England in NSW, advises that this particular edition of *Ridiculosa* will be particularly interesting to AHSN members. It also contains articles on the satirical press in Germany, Austria, Catalonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, the USSR, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Argentina, Brazil, Quebec, the USA, Cameroon, Egypt, Iran, Kenya, and China.

Full texts of Richard's papers are available at: <https://une-au.academia.edu/RichardScully>

A Raucous Recommendation!

Every day, AHSN scholars study and enjoy wonderful forms of humour. Two graduate students, Alison O'Connor and Rebecca Higgle, got to know each other from opposite sides of the country by sharing beloved objects of study and humour. Together, they decided that this should be extended to all AHSN members!

This week's recommendation comes from Mario Barros.

His hot tip: *BOSTOONS themag!* – “International humor, seriously”

BOSTOONS themag! is a humour e-zine full of surprises. It is a member of FICWS (Federation of International Cartoon Websites) and is also featured every now and then on prestigious sites like Humorgrafe, La Hot Line de Kemchs and Noticias de Cartoon Colombia, among others.

Mario admits to a *slight* conflict of interest, as he is also the editor of *BOSTOONS*.

Issue No. 220 is out now. Visit <http://bostoonsmag.com>

Got something to share in the next digest? Send it to Rebecca at rebecca.higgle@curtin.edu.au or she will just recommend cheesy 90s cartoons. You have been warned.

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