



# THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CONTEMPORARY LITERARY STUDIES

## Welcome to the BACLS Summer Bumper 2021 newsletter

The BACLS newsletter shares calls for papers, job listings, recent publications and events (including conferences, talks, and exhibitions) relating to Contemporary Literary Studies in Britain and around the world.

Items for upcoming newsletters should be sent to the BACLS Publicity Officer, Zoe Hope Bulaitis at [zoebulaitis@gmail.com](mailto:zoebulaitis@gmail.com) or via messaging [@BACLS\\_official](#) Twitter account.

**Please send items by 15th September 2021 for inclusion in the next mailing.**

BACLS is also on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) – please feel free to follow for updates and to share formal and informal announcements with BACLS members and the wider contemporary studies community.

## Call for papers / articles / contributions

Call for Papers: [Exploring Authenticity in Contemporary Literatures in English](#) - A symposium sponsored by 'Identities' at the Department of English Literature, University of Reading. Online 1-2 November. See attached CFP for full details. Deadline for proposals: 10 September 2021.

Call for Papers: [Prose Studies, for a special issue called 'Struggle and Hustle: Queer Nonfiction Prose'](#).

Call for Chapter Proposals: [Jackie Kay: Critical Essays](#). Edited by Natasha Alden and Fiona Tolan for Glyphi. [See here for more details](#). Deadline for abstracts: 13 September 2021.

Call for Papers: the [Journal of Ecohumanism](#) invites contributors to the inaugural issue. Call for papers attached. Submissions due 30 September 2021.

## Events

[Panel Discussion: Queering The Pitch - Notes on activism and archival practice](#). Online, 26 August 2021. This panel brings together speakers who have worked to collect and conserve Irish LGBTI+ histories. Free, [sign up here](#).

[Postgraduate Book Club in Conversation with Joseph O'Neill](#). The Graduate School, Queen's University. Online, 14 September 2021, 5 - 6pm. Award-winning author Joseph O'Neill will join us to talk about his novel, *Netherland*, and a wide range of topics at this special event. Free, [sign up via Eventbrite](#).

[BACLS Annual General Meeting](#). Online, 3 September 2021, 9.30-10.30am. All BACLS members are warmly encouraged to attend. The online Zoom meeting link for the meeting will be circulated closer to the time and will be available on the BACLS website. We look forward to seeing you there. Agenda attached.

[BACLS What Happens Now? Virtual Conference 2021](#). Online, 2-3 September 2021. Thanks to all members who are presenting next week – we've got a great series of talks and seminars planned.

We look forward to panels including:

- Plenaries on "Contemporary Conversations" and "The Future of REF and the Implication for Literary Studies"
- *Cultural Modes of Contemporary Community*
- *Serial Forms in Television and Literature*
- *Futures and Pasts: Ghosts, Traumas and Speculations*
- *Experiments: Language, Music, Text*
- *States and Genres of Utopia and Dystopia*
- *Literary Value(s), Empathy and Community*
- *Intersections: Contemporary Fiction and Globality*
- *Literary Digitalities, Technologies and Gaming*
- *Autofictions, Texts, Styles and Experiments*
- *Rethinking the "Modern": Developing a Transglossic Literature*
- *Contemporary Literature and the Creative Economy*
- *Economies of Production and Precarity in Contemporary Women's Writing*
- *Private/Public Spaces and Embodied Practices*
- *The 2010s: A Decade of Contemporary British Fiction*
- plus a Writers Live Panel Discussion with Lisa Blower, Guy Gunaratne and Jonathan Lethem

The [full programme](#) and [registration](#) are online at [bacls.org](https://bacls.org). BACLS WHN2021 is free for BACLS members.

[Erasure and the Environment Conference](#). Loughborough University, In-person 16 - 17 September 2021. [Please find the abstract list and registration link here](#).

## New Publications

Book: Kristian Shaw. [\*Brexlit: British Literature and the European Project\*](#) - eBook is now available and the hardback released 26 August. (Bloomsbury, 2021).

Book: now out in paperback: Diletta De Cristofaro. [\*The Contemporary Post-Apocalyptic Novel: Critical Temporalities and the End Times\*](#) (Bloomsbury, 2020).

Edited collection: Emily J. Hogg and Peter Simonsen, eds. [\*Precarity in Contemporary Literature and Culture\*](#) (Bloomsbury, 2021).

Article: Dominic Dean. '[They built a whole lot like that in the fifties and sixties](#)': Ishiguro and the ghosts of English institutions' *Textual Practice*.

## Job / Funded PhD Listings

[Lecturer in 20th and/or 21st Century Literature](#). The University of Glasgow - School of Critical Studies. Full-time, permanent. Deadline for applications 30 August 2021.

[Associate Lecturer](#). Birkbeck, University of London - Department of English, Theatre & Creative Writing. Part-time, £61.68 per hour. Deadline for applications 2 September 2021.

[Fellow in Contemporary Muslim Societies in a Globalised World](#). The University of Edinburgh - College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences/School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures/The Alwaleed Centre. Full-time, 2-year contract. Deadline for applications 16 September 2021.

## Other Announcements

Membership Fee Waiver: BACLS is continuing its 12-month membership fee waiver for members who may be experiencing hardship and unforeseen difficulties as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 situation. If you would like to request a fee waiver then please contact Mike Witcombe, Membership Secretary ([witcombeuk@gmail.com](mailto:witcombeuk@gmail.com)).

Best wishes,

Zoe, on behalf of the BACLS Executive Committee.