

# Transatlantic Studies Association Newsletter

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## **Expanding the Journal, Extending our Contacts**

***Chuck Gannon, St. Bonaventure University, USA***

In an attempt to both broaden the reach of the Journal, and further enrich its collaborative connections, a student-assisted initiative has resulted in recruiting over 55 new reviewers and readers for the Journals (with an additional two or three responding every week). This outreach was facilitated by three graduate students at St. Bonaventure University, who, under the direction of the Literature and Arts Editor of the JTS, contacted a broad range of scholars whose work was sited in a transnational approach to American Literature and American Studies. The enthusiasm of their responses not only suggests an immediate source of new members, but also indicates that the TSA can count on long-term sustained growth as it continues to become more broadly publicized and known among professionals in naturally congenial disciplines.



## **Report on the Maastricht Center for Transatlantic Studies (MCTS)**

**Conference:**

**Transatlantic Conflict and Consensus:  
Culture, History, and Politics  
(25-27 October)**

**Professor Heidi Macpherson (UCLAN)**

The Fourth biennial MCTS conference was held 25-27 October 2006 at the Maastricht Center for Transatlantic Studies (MCTS). This year's conference was built around the organizing principles of "conflict" and "consensus", and most of the papers explicitly foregrounded these shifting planes. A number of presenters originally scheduled to appear had to withdraw, which was disappointing for the organizers, but this did not affect the conference unduly. In total, there were 45 presentations and 3 plenary lectures, with some delegates attending without offering papers and several of the MCTS students in attendance as well. Although it was, therefore, a smaller conference than usual, it was also a cohesive one, helped by the fact that there were only two parallel strands at any one time. Thus, many delegates were able to range across disciplinary boundaries, and attendance at the sessions was high even at the final sessions late on Saturday morning. This was no doubt due to the high quality of individual papers.

The delegates were from North America and Europe in roughly equal measures, with representatives from Sweden, Norway, Austria, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Spain, England, Wales and Scotland as well as Canada and many US states. Areas of particular interest were US/UK relations; US/NATO relations, and US/French relations, particularly with regard to the period of the Vietnam War. Trading relations, human rights, and literary perceptions of new and old worlds also were

analysed and debated. The diversity of papers can be indicated by the topics which ranged from French translations of 19<sup>th</sup> century American Novels (Ronald Jenn, Charles de Gaulle University) to Black GIs in Britain during WWII (Neil Wynn, Gloucestershire), to street theatre in Catalonia which drew upon Cuban influence (Galina Bakhtiarova, Western Connecticut State University) to cyber education in 21<sup>st</sup> century Second Life “worlds” (Bryan Carter and Dayton Elseth, University of Central Missouri). Many of the MCTS directors (from over 30 institutions) chaired individual sessions.

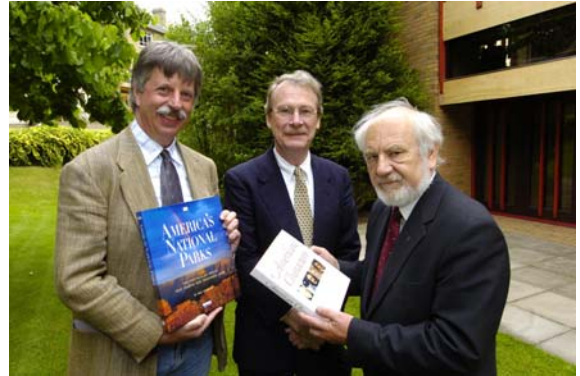
A lively round-table discussion also took place over lunch on the penultimate day in which a US State Department official from The Hague discussed US-European relations and answered the sometimes challenging questions posed by academics from both sides of the Atlantic. The plenary lectures were delivered by Elizabeth Pond (editor of *Transatlantic Internationale Politic*) on a journalist’s perspective of transatlantic relations after Iraq; Ruud Janssens (chair of the American Studies programme in Amsterdam), on American culture in a transatlantic setting, which ranged across topics as varied as Euro Disney and economics; and Professor Iwan Morgan (Deputy Director of the Institute for the Study of the Americas), who examined the decline of postwar consensus.

The conference organizers (from the University of Gloucestershire and the University of South Dakota) plan to edit a collection of the best essays from the conference, and planning is already underway for the next conference, to be held in 2008, co-organized by MCTS directors from the University of South Dakota, Decebre University (Hungary) and Växjö University (Sweden).

For more information on the MCTS programme, which began offering study abroad opportunities in 1997, see [www.cmsu.edu/mcts](http://www.cmsu.edu/mcts).



## The Transatlantic Studies Annual Conference, June 2006, Dundee, Scotland



## UNHCR and the Global Cold War, 1971-1984

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Created in 1950 to solve the problem of European refugees in the wake of World War II, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has subsequently grown to become a global operation that

currently addresses the needs of over 20 million people. Beginning in the 1970s, the UNHCR experienced a sudden expansion in its role in the developing world, where large-scale humanitarian crises set in motion an evolution of norms and standard setting with regard to refugee law and exposed the organization to new challenges. In particular, the organization was charged with the management of sudden mass refugee influxes, the construction of extensive refugee camps, the procurement and distribution of food and basic relief supplies on a scale previously unimagined, and the carrying out of its humanitarian mandate in a highly politicized climate shaped by East – West tension.

**Project description and objectives:**

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 Prof. Jussi Hanhimäki launched a joint research and archival project between the Graduate Institute of International Studies (GIIS) and the United Nations High Commissioner (UNHCR) with funding from the Geneva International Academic Network (GIAN). Based on a multidisciplinary approach, this project focuses on previously closed records (222 linear meters of paper documents) of UNHCR field and headquarters operations during the crucial 1971-1984 period. The aim is to promote cooperation between the academic community and the UNHCR in order to contribute to understanding the successes and failures of the international response to the late 20<sup>th</sup> century humanitarian crises and to the important trends that emerged during this period.

The project is organized around three closely related components:

- 1) Archival processing to open up these records: under the guidance of the UNCHR archival staff, researchers from the GIIS are now involved in a process designed to review, preserve, declassify and describe UNHCR archives for the period 1971-1984. The ultimate result of this endeavor will be to allow access to this

documentation for researchers as well as the creation of an online archival database;

- 2) Original research/analysis: during the archival processing, the researchers – based at the GIIS and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) – will identify particularly relevant research topics and produce articles and working papers;
- 3) Dissemination: The creation of a web-based archive catalogue will provide a dynamic central resource for strengthening the institutional memory of UNHCR as well as serving as a knowledgebase for further research.

In addition, the research efforts mentioned above will result in the publication of original, policy relevant findings which will be presented at an international workshop to be held in Geneva in the fall of 2007. The workshop will be followed by the publication of an edited book consisting of case studies, articles and documents, as well as individual research projects and policy recommendations based on this unique group of hitherto inaccessible records.

The project's research will thus add considerable texture and nuance to the understanding of the Cold War era while placing the UNHCR within the larger context of Cold War history. It will shed light on the broader question of the extent to which international organizations matter in global politics. In particular, the project's findings will highlight the fundamental, trans-disciplinary questions and phenomena that emerged during this period for the first time.

These include:

- The militarization of refugee camps (Pakistan, Thai-Cambodian border, Central America, Southern Africa);

- The linkage between human rights violations and massive refugee flows (Equatorial Guinea, Burundi, Uganda, Chile, Zimbabwe, Burma, Nicaragua, South Africa, El Salvador, Cuba, Haiti);
- Major Protracted Refugee Situations, many of continuing concern to UNHCR (Burundi, Chad, Somalia, Sudan, Western Sahara, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka);
- UNHCR involvement in situations of internal armed conflict (Central America, Afghanistan, Angola, Congo, Horn of Africa, Sudan);
- Renewed emphasis on repatriation and rehabilitation (Bangladesh, Equatorial Guinea, Central America, Zaire/Congo);
- The role of the UNHCR as coordinator of large-scale UN assistance operations (Bangladesh, Sudan and Cyprus);
- UNHCR relations and interaction with other UN agencies (FAO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNRWA, WFP, etc.), as well as International and Non Governmental Organizations (Amnesty International, IRC, ICRC, etc.);
- Increased focus on gender based persecution and on the special needs of refugee women.

These developments, initially highlighted by civil unrest, violence and war on the African continent, were present in one form or another in many of the humanitarian crises to which the UNHCR responded during this period, from Central and Latin America to the Middle East and South East Asia. As a result, these decades witnessed an evolution of norms and standard setting with regard to refugee law, and in particular an expansion of the earlier legal framework for UNHCR activities. The records of this series document these fundamental changes and their underlying causes and provide rich material for future scholarship.

For more details and updates, consult the project's web page:

<http://hei.unige.ch/sections/hp/pages/UNHCRProject.htm>

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## ***Announcements***

### **Eccles Centre Fellowships**

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#### **Eccles Centre Visiting Professor in North American Studies**

One award to be made to a post-doctoral scholar normally resident in the USA or Canada whose research, in any field of North American Studies, entails the use of the British Library collection. The award holder must plan to be in research residence at the British Library for a minimum of three months.

The British Library website, including public access to the catalogues, can be found at <http://www.bl.uk>

Enquiries regarding North American holdings can be directed in the first instance to Dr Matthew Shaw (US curator) [Matthew.Shaw@bl.uk](mailto:Matthew.Shaw@bl.uk) Dr Dorian Hayes (Canadian curator) [Dorian.Hayes@bl.uk](mailto:Dorian.Hayes@bl.uk) or to the Eccles Centre [Eccles-centre@bl.uk](mailto:Eccles-centre@bl.uk)

Award: £6,000 for travel and other expenses connected with the recipient's time spent in London as the Eccles Centre Visiting Professor.

No extra funding will be available from this source. Candidates must ensure that they have sufficient funds to cover their own needs and the needs of any dependants during their stay.

None of the organisations or individuals connected with this award are in a position to offer award holders advice or help in matters of arranging accommodation or travel.

The award holder will be entitled to an award of £6,000 for travel and other expenses

connected with the research visit to London. The detailed administration of this award will be managed by the British Association for American Studies. The award holder will have privileged access to the collections and the curatorial expertise of the British Library.

The award holder will agree to acknowledge the support provided by the Eccles Centre Visiting Professorship in any publication resulting from this research visit, and to inform the Eccles Centre of such publications. If the opportunity arises, it is expected that the award holder will present their work at an appropriate Eccles Centre/British Library seminar or conference.

Applications should be in the form of a brief CV (no more than two pages), and a document explaining the nature of the North American Studies research being proposed at the British Library (no more than two pages).

FOUR Applications must reach Dr. Ian Scott, English and American Studies Subject Area, School of Arts, Histories and Cultures, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL, UK by Friday January 26th, 2007 for research visits to take place in the period March-December 2007.

Applications by fax will not be accepted but email attachment will

[Ian.Scott@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Ian.Scott@manchester.ac.uk) so long as it conforms to the guidelines set out above.

#### **Eccles Centre Visiting Fellows in North American Studies**

Three awards to be made to post-doctoral scholars normally resident in the UK, outside the M25, whose research, in any field of North American Studies, entails the use of the British Library collection. The award holder must plan to be in research residence at the British Library for a minimum of one month. The British Library website, including public access to the catalogues, can be found at <http://www.bl.uk>

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Award: £2,000 for travel and other expenses connected with the recipient's time spent in London as the Eccles Centre Visiting Fellow.

No extra funding will be available from this source. Candidates must ensure that they have sufficient funds to cover their own needs and the needs of any dependants during their period as an Eccles Centre Fellow.

None of the organisations or individuals connected with this award are in a position to offer awards holders advice or help in matters of arranging accommodation or travel.

The award holder will be entitled to an award of £2,000 for travel and other expenses connected with the research visit to London. The detailed administration of this award will be managed by the British Association for American Studies. The award holder will have privileged access to the collections and the curatorial expertise of the British Library.

The award holder will agree to acknowledge the support provided by the Eccles Centre Visiting Professorship in any publication resulting from this research visit, and to inform the Eccles Centre of such publications. If the opportunity arises, it is expected that the award holder will present their work at an appropriate Eccles Centre/British Library seminar or conference.

Applications should be in the form of a brief CV (no more than two pages), and a document explaining the nature of the North

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### **Eccles Centre Postgraduate Awards in North American Studies**

At least five awards to be made to graduate students normally resident in the UK, outside the M25, whose research, in any field of North American Studies, entails the use of the British Library collection. The British Library website, including public access to the catalogues, can be found at

<http://www.bl.uk> Enquiries regarding North American holdings can be directed in the first instance to Dr Matthew Shaw (US curator) [Matthew.Shaw@bl.uk](mailto:Matthew.Shaw@bl.uk) Dr Dorian Hayes (Canadian curator) [Dorian.Hayes@bl.uk](mailto:Dorian.Hayes@bl.uk) or to the Eccles Centre [Eccles-centre@bl.uk](mailto:Eccles-centre@bl.uk)

Award: Up to £400 for travel and other expenses connected with the recipient's time spent in London working with the British Library collections.

No extra funding will be available from this source. Candidates must ensure that they have sufficient funds to cover their own needs and the needs of any dependants during their period of research.

None of the organisations or individuals connected with this award are in a position to offer awards holders advice or help in matters of arranging accommodation or travel.

The award holder will be entitled to an award of up to £400 for travel and other expenses connected with the research visit to London. The detailed administration of this award will be managed by the British Association for American Studies.

The award holder will agree to acknowledge the support provided by the Eccles Centre Visiting Professorship in any publication resulting from this research visit, and to inform the Eccles Centre of such publications. If the opportunity arises, it is expected that the award holder will present their work at an appropriate Eccles Centre/British Library seminar or conference.

Applications should be in the form of a brief CV (no more than two pages), and a document explaining the nature of the North American Studies research being proposed at the British Library (no more than two pages).

FOUR Applications must reach Dr. Ian Scott, English and American Studies Subject Area, School of Arts, Histories and Cultures, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL, UK by Friday January 26th, 2007 for research visits to take place in the period March-December 2007. Applications by fax will not be accepted but email attachment will Ian.Scott@manchester.ac.uk so long as it conforms to the guidelines set out above.



### **Announcements from the Center for Security Studies (CSS), ETH Zurich**

1) Three books on NATO history in the 1950s-1960s published in 2006:

- Vojtech Mastny, Andreas Wenger, Sven G. Holtsmark (eds.), *War Plans and Alliances in*

*the Cold War: Threat Perceptions in the East and West* (London: Routledge, 2006)

- Andreas Wenger, Christian Nuenlist, Anna Locher (eds.), *Transforming NATO in the Cold War: Challenges beyond Deterrence* (London: Routledge, 2007)

Orders through

[http://www.isn.ethz.ch/about/css/css\\_publications.cfm](http://www.isn.ethz.ch/about/css/css_publications.cfm) benefit from a 20% discount on the Routledge volumes.

- Christian Nuenlist and Anna Locher (eds.), *Transatlantic Relations at Stake: Aspects of NATO History, 1956-1972* (Zurich: Center for Security Studies, 2006).

This volume is available online in full-text at <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/pubs/ph/details.cfm?id=24737>. Hardcopies can be ordered through <http://www.css.ethz.ch/publications/confirm>.

2) Conference held on "A Strained Relationship: European-American Relations and the Middle East from Suez to Iraq" Papers presented at this conference, held in Zurich on 7-9 September 2006, focused on US-European rifts over the Middle East. Speakers included Peter Hahn, Gary Sick, Steven Blackwell, Ralph Dietl, Ian Lesser. The program is available at [http://www.isn.ethz.ch/php/conferences/PreviousEvents/2006\\_Zurich\\_Conference.htm](http://www.isn.ethz.ch/php/conferences/PreviousEvents/2006_Zurich_Conference.htm).

3) Transatlantic Relations at the International Security Forum (ISF) in Zurich Ronald Asmus and Senator Gary Hart were among the speakers at the International Security Forum (ISF, <http://www.isf.ethz.ch/>), held in Zurich on 26-28 October 2006. About 500 scholars, political analysts, and policymakers attended the biannual conference. Panels included debates on the future of transatlantic relations and security challenges of today.

4) New PHP document collection published  
The CSS has published a new document collection on the website of the Parallel History Project on NATO and the Warsaw Pact (PHP, [www.isn.ethz.ch/php](http://www.isn.ethz.ch/php)). 100 documents on "Bulgarian arms delivery to third world countries" offer insights into the arms trade during the Cold War. For updates on the activities of PHP, please subscribe to the PHP NEWS ([http://www.isn.ethz.ch/php/news/mailling\\_list.cfm](http://www.isn.ethz.ch/php/news/mailling_list.cfm)).



## Publications

**John McCormick**, *The European Superpower* (London: Palgrave, 2006).

**Klaus Schwabe**, *Weltmacht und Weltordnung. Amerikanische Außenpolitik von 1898 bis zur Gegenwart. Eine Jahrhundertgeschichte*, Paderborn, Schoeningh Verlag 2006, 560 pp. (translated: *World Power and World Order. America's Foreign Policy from 1898 to the Present. The Story of a Century.*)



**Flutur Troshani**, Department of English and American Studies, University of Shkoder, Albania.

*Structured Chaos: Postmodern Metaphor and the Modernist Heritage* deals with the problem of cataloguing the convergences and divergences in the use of structured chaos by twentieth century poetry. I have located three important areas of research that correspond to each of the main parts of the book. I have entitled these parts respectively - "Sophisticating the Synopsis: No Longer Things but What Happens BETWEEN Things," "Structures and Chaos: Registering 'Modern Consciousness' as a Profound Cultural and Aesthetic Shift," and "The

Postmodern Metaphor': Islands of Order Emerging inside Oceans of Disorder." Each of these parts, as their titles suggest, sheds light on the convergences (first part) and divergences (second and third part) in the use of structured chaos.

By combining close readings of poems by Stevens, Williams, Pound, Stein, Eliot, O'Hara, Ashbery, Ammons, Creeley, and several others together with theoretical analyses, this forthcoming publication (December 2006) attempts to examine carefully not only the close relations between structure and chaos, but also how the texts of these writers master the so-called "formalized" features of the cultural canon that engendered them.

In this sense, the task of this book is three-fold: to examine how these poems, by exchanging through interchangeable levels, resist the transcendence of the text; to show how they are part of a strong dimension of unpredictability, and to demonstrate how incomplete and deficient they are when examined outside their overall cultural context. By investigating these areas, it is possible to better understand the sophisticated relations between the postmodern metaphor and the modernist heritage.



## Samuel Azubuike

Samuel Azubuike, "To Appease or to Concede? Contrasting Two Modes of Accommodation in International Conflict", *International Relations*, vol. 20, no.1, Spring 2006, pp.49-68.

Samuel Azubuike, "Sugar-Coating Interest with Morality: From 9/11 to the Gates of Baghdad: The Anglo-American Special Relationship and the Continual British Support for US Foreign Policy", *Uluslararası İlişkiler (International Relations)*, Vol. 3, No. 10, Summer 2006, p. 89-112.



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### **Editorial Policy Introduction**

The Journal of Transatlantic Studies is multi and interdisciplinary, publishing articles with a focus on the transatlantic region as an area with a distinct character and a rich history. It will bring together in one publication various foci of study and disciplines:

- Political science
- Comparative constitutionalism
- International relations
- Security studies
- History
- Literature and culture
- Geography and population studies
- Planning and environment

While the majority of articles will almost certainly be on North American relations with Europe, there will be an editorial policy of including at least one article per edition dealing with Spanish, or Portuguese or

French speaking America (Dutch speaking America/Caribbean will be dealt with on a case by case basis).

This will at least go some way to redress the imbalance of concentration on European relations with North America and the emphasis might be shifted further over time towards Spanish, French and Portuguese speaking relationships, depending on demand and the quality of manuscript submissions.

### **Aims and Scope**

Journal of Transatlantic Studies will cover the following areas:

- Comparative politics and constitutionalism
- International Relations and Security Studies
- Political Economy
- Political, diplomatic, economic, and international business history
- Area studies, transmission of ideas and migration
- Geographical Area of Study

Europe and its interactions with North, South, and Central America and the Caribbean. (The definition of Europe includes Russia and editorial policy would be suitably flexible about the African margin, depending on content and quality of submissions.)

### **Period of Study**

It is envisaged that most contributions will be about post 1945 or contemporary affairs, but articles covering any period of transatlantic relations would be welcomed providing that they have some contemporary resonance.

Membership is not required to publish.



**Transatlantic Studies Association  
Annual Conference**

**9-12 July 2007  
University College Cork, Ireland**

**DEADLINE:  
Submission of proposals: 1 March  
2007**

We welcome proposals by individuals, full panels of three speakers or a series of related panels focusing on a particular theme or topic. Please direct any initial questions to David Ryan [david.ryan@ucc.ie](mailto:david.ryan@ucc.ie) or the relevant panel co-ordinator. We would welcome early submission of proposals and panels.

We would also like to invite proposals for well-structured inter-disciplinary Roundtables on particular events, themes, regions / countries amongst others ideas.

## **Panels**

*1. History, Diplomacy, Security Studies and International Relations:*

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*4. Planning Regeneration and the Environment:*

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*5. Race, Migration*

*With a themed panel on Slavery*  
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*6. Latin American Transatlantic Relations*

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*Proposals in a 300 word abstract and brief CV  
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