

Homelands, KULTRANS International Seminar 3-4 June 2010, Oslo

Programme

All sessions will take place on the third floor of Georg Sverdrups hus (same building as the Library of Humanities and Social Sciences), University of Oslo Blindern campus.

Thursday 3 June

08.30-09.00 Registration and coffee

Plenary: Undervisningsrom 3

09.00-09.15 Chris Rowland (Oslo) – Welcome and introduction

09.15-10.15 **Keynote:** Aino Rinhaug (Oslo):
Coming and Going: Adoptee Figuration and Fugitivity

10.15-10.30 Break

10.30-12.30 **Session 1: Return, Emotion and Private Memory**

Room: Undervisningsrom 3

Chair: Chris Rowland (Oslo)

Sheila Khan (Trondheim):

What if Motherland is Not Any More a Home? Displacement and Nostalgia:
Portuguese Returnees After Decolonisation

Annika Bøstein Myhre (Oslo):

Why be Longing for where your Grandparents were Belonging? Assessing
the Emotional Significance of 'Communicative Memories' in Novels about
Repatriates

11.50-12.30 **Discussion: 'Return' and Identity**

12.30-13.15 Lunch

13.15-14.35 **Session 2: Diaspora Identities and Homelands**

Room: Undervisningsrom 3

Chair: Aino Rinhaug (Oslo)

Marius Hjelle (Finnmark):

"Lady I Love You" – Negotiating Cubanness Behind the Sugar Curtain

Heather Levy (Western Connecticut):

The Exiled Women Artists of *Hopscotch*: Disembodied Presences and Indelible Erasures

19.00 **Conference Dinner**

Al-Chouf Restaurant

Henrik Ibsens gate 60C, Oslo

Friday 4 June

09.15-10.15 Room: Grupperom 7, Georg Sverdrups hus

Keynote: Chris Rowland (Oslo):

Why Ethnic Return Migration? The Controversies and Implications of 'Diaspora Return'

10.15-10.30 Break

10.30-12.00 **Session 3: After Return: Expectations versus Experience**

Room: Grupperom 7, Georg Sverdrups hus

Chair: Aino Rinhaug (Oslo)

Illa Ben Porat (Ben-Gurion):

Between "Home" and "Homeland": Processes of Identity Formation among Teenagers from the Former Soviet Union in Israel

Anastasia Christou (Sussex):

Gendering Diasporic Mobilities and Emotionalities in Greek-German Narratives of Home, Belonging and Return

Suren Manukyan (Yerevan)

The difficulties of "translation": The tragic lessons of Armenian Great Repatriation of 1946-48

12.30-13.15 Lunch

13.15-14.35 **Session 4: Return of Culture, Culture as Return**

Room: Grupperom 7, Georg Sverdrups hus

Chair: Chris Rowland (Oslo)

Amit Gish (Ben-Gurion):

Where is the Home of the Culture that Comes 'Home'? The Redistribution of Jewish Cultural Assets after World War II

Sarah Gelbard (Carleton):

Return to a Foreign Home: The challenges of creating Space/Place for the Jewish Diaspora in Mandate Palestine

14.35-15.15 **Concluding Discussion**

Room: Grupperom 7, Georg Sverdrups hus

Chair: Chris Rowland (Oslo)