A department of English and American Studies outside of an English-speaking country is a phenomenon of extremity. This makes the department particularly alert to the extremity of language and subjectivity as such, to literary phenomena where languages and alphabets intricate and intersect, phenomena such as manifest themselves in the contemporary writings of Salman Rushdie or Kazuo Ishiguro, but no less so in the works of Shakespeare, Chaucer and Milton. It is from its position of extremity that the department of English and American Studies at Tel Aviv University underscores and supports the rigorous scrutiny of literary texts in the English language, using the finest of the conceptual tools of literary theory, as a basis for critical thinking that is at the same time creative. More...

Department News and Notifications:

book launch - "Cityscapes of the Future"

It is with great pleasure that I introduce a new book by members of our department. "Cityscapes of the Future", edited by Yael Maurer and Meyrav Kore-Kuik, is an important contribution to urban studies, literary scholarship, and cultural theory. This revolutionary volume analyzes the intersection of cities of stone and cities of the imagination, focusing on the multiple ways discourse shapes the spaces we live in. The volume contains essays by internationally recognized scholars, including contributions by our current and former colleagues: Shawn Edrei, Keith Harris, Inbar Kaminsky, and myself. It also contains a brilliant introduction by Yael and Meyrav
Welcome

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To view/purchase the book please press HERE for the publisher site.

Department Events (2017/18)
Welcome

you are cordially invited to the lecture:

"Unnatural Endings and the Theory of Endings"

by

Prof. Brian Richardson
(University of Maryland)

The talk discusses some problems in conventional theories of ending, particularly those associated with Aristotle and Peter Brooks. It explores several varieties of unnatural ending in contemporary narratives. These can be identified in the works' fabulas, in their sjužets, and in performance. The lecture touches upon various kinds of unnatural ending: the non-ending of a narrative whose last words return the reader to the text's beginning and thus continues on infinitely; the ending that erases itself and takes a different fork; and multiple, incompatible endings, and other unnatural forms. The talk concludes with outlining the theoretical implications of these extreme endings.

Prof. Brian Richardson is a leading international scholar in the fields of narrative theory, modernism/postmodernism, and the history of the novel. Much of his work has been engaged with narrative theory as he attempted to expand existing models to be able to incorporate more radical techniques and practices of modern and postmodern experimental fiction. He is the author of the books:

Unlikely Stories: Causality and the Nature of Modern Narrative (1997),

Unnatural Voices: Extreme Narration in Modern and Contemporary Fiction (2006),

Unnatural Narrative: Theory, History, and Practice (2015). For his biography and a complete list of publications, please visit:

https://www.english.umd.edu/profiles/brichardson
Tel-Aviv University's Science Fiction Symposium returns for its fifth year with a two-day international program!

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