

Romanticism and its Discontents

NASSR Berkeley 2016

Dear Colleagues,

The 24th Annual Conference of the North American Society for the Study of Romanticism will take place on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley, on August 11-14, 2016. Our conference is entitled “Romanticism and its Discontents.”

We invite consideration of any aspect of discontent with and within Romanticism, a field we construe in broad, international terms. Participants might address the misfit between a concept and a practice; explore writers’ representations of disaffection, their resistance to contemporary norms (aesthetic, political, economic, social, or cultural), or their desire to reassert those norms; discuss the deficiencies of “Romanticism” as an ideological or historical category or “discontent” as an affect intrinsic to Romanticism; reflect on the current state of academic scholarship. Or—if you are dissatisfied with these formulations—we invite you to construe Romanticism’s discontents in any way that seems compelling.

Keynote Speakers:

T. J. Clark, Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley
Rei Terada, University of California, Irvine

Special Seminar Leaders:

David L. Clark, McMaster University
Mary Favret, Johns Hopkins University
Penny Fielding, University of Edinburgh
Yoon Sun Lee, Wellesley College
Deidre Lynch, Harvard University
Maureen McLane, New York University
Tobias Menely, University of California, Davis
Anahid Nersessian, University of California, Los Angeles
Daniel O’Quinn, University of Guelph
Jonathan Sachs, Concordia University
David Simpson, University of California, Davis

Our [conference website](#) is as yet a work in progress. But there you will find information about the several kinds of submissions we invite (see under “[Call for Papers](#)”), special seminar topics, keynote addresses, accommodations, and deadlines. Please keep checking back as the site acquires more details.

We look forward to your submissions and to welcoming you to Berkeley.

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