

BETWEEN.POMIĘDZY 2014

Sopot/Gdańsk

The theme of this year's festival is NEW BEGINNINGS. OTWARCIA
The title of the conference is New Beginnings/Openings in Scottish Literature

There have been many new beginnings in Scottish literature, and it has played a substantial role in many developments opening out into European and world literature: for example, in Romantic fiction and verse (Walter Scott, James Hogg), in the *fin-de-siècle* (R. L. Stevenson), and in early twentieth-century modernist writing (Hugh MacDiarmid). Scottish novelists and poets – Muriel Spark, Edwin Morgan, Alasdair Gray, Don Paterson, Ali Smith, John Burnside, Jackie Kay, Kathleen Jamie – have helped to shape British literature of the last thirty years.

Our conference will have two focuses:
forms of beginning and opening: technique, device, narrative structure, language that drive literature in new directions;
the literature of the last thirty years – especially prose and poetry.

We invite proposals for papers that address the two focuses above – on the literature of Scotland of the past thirty years, and on new poetic and narrative forms, new ways of expression that are beginnings and openings. The conference will be held on **14–16 May 2014** in Sopot and Gdańsk. The organization of the conference sessions will be innovative. Morning and evening sessions will be given to traditional papers and plenary keynote lectures. Afternoon sessions will consist of seminars in which invited speakers and guests will focus on specific short texts relevant to the conference's overall theme.

Neal Ascherson, Alan Riach, Elizabeth Burns, Alan Spence, Helen Lynch, and Christoph Heyl have already confirmed that they will attend as plenary speakers and guests of the conference.

Publications have come from previous conferences (see our website), and we plan to publish selected papers from the 2014 event.

Our conference on new beginnings/openings in Scottish literature will be part of the **BETWEEN.POMIĘDZY** international festival of literature and theatre held in Sopot and Gdańsk from 12 to 18 May 2014. This is the fifth annual festival/conference organized by **BETWEEN.POMIĘDZY**. For information on previous festivals/conferences, see www.betweenpomiedzy.pl

Please send 250-word abstracts for papers by 1 March 2014 to between@ug.edu.pl
The conference/festival fee is 100 euro (accommodation not included).

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