**Scottish Network of Modernist Studies**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday 19th October 2013 at 1pm**

**Gannochy Room, Woolfson Medical Building, University of Glasgow**

**In attendance:** Elizabeth Anderson, Andrew Campbell, Matthew Creasy, Faye Hammill, Adrienne Janus, Vassiliki Kolocotroni, Sarah Parker, Roxana Preda, Bryony Randall (minutes), Laura Rattray, Michael Rodgers, Rachael Stanley, Emma Sutton, AlexThomson (chair).

1. **Apologies** Margery Palmer McCulloch
2. **Report from Chair**

ATreported that it had been a quiet year for SNoMS, mainly owing the impact of REF deadlines on members of the network, as well as core members of the committee being on leave. We had however sponsored travel bursaries to enable postgraduates to attend the conference on *Maurice* held at St Andrew’s in November 2012.

SNoMS is collaborating on a special issue of *Ecloga* (the University of Strathclyde’s postgraduate journal of literature and the arts) on Modernist studies, scheduled to be published in May 2014 at a conference on Modernist Studies and Open Access Publishing (<http://www.strath.ac.uk/ecloga/>). The publication is funded by an AHRC Collaborative Skill Development Award. Andrew Campbell, the journal’s editor, said that they were still looking for PGR editors from the Glasgow School of Art, and from the University of Aberdeen, so asked any SNoMS members who might wish to put themselves or their students forward to contact him (eclogasnoms@gmail.com) The deadline for submissions for the issue is 25th November. The editors will also be soliciting short position papers from established academics in Scotland.

AT congratulated Roxana Preda on her appointment as President of the International Ezra Pound Society. Roxana was keen to involve SNoMS members in the work of the Society, and encouraged members to consider contributing to the Society’s regular conferences, whether their work was directly or tangentially connected to Pound. In particular she drew the meeting’s attention to the fact that membership of the Society enables participation in their international conferences.

AT reported that he had been in touch with Arthur Bradley at Lancaster in relation to the recently established Northern Theory School (<http://www.northerntheoryschool.co.uk/>) He had welcomed any possible collaboration and would keep SNoMS members informed of any relevant opportunities arising from this connection.

Finally, MC reminded SNoMs members that all those on the SNoMS JISCMAIL mailing list are welcome to use it to circulate out any relevant notices, cfps, selected research seminars or papers of interest to SNoMS members, and so on. (Requests to join the SNoMS list, and queries about how to use it, should be sent to matthew.creasy@gla.ac.uk.)

1. **Future Events**

AT was pleased to be able to announce a full programme of events for the forthcoming academic year:

* 1. **New Work in Modernist Studies, Saturday 7th December 2013, University of Edinburgh.** The third in the series of one-day postgraduate conferences organised jointly by SNoMS, the Northern Modernism Seminar, and the London Modernism Seminar, in collaboration with the British Association of Modernist Studies. Bryony Randall is co-ordinating this event, which will primarily be organised by a team of postgraduates including the SNoMS postgraduate representative Gail Toms (St Andrew’s), and Hannah van Hove (Glasgow). A cfp was in preparation. Queries to be addressed to newmodstud2013@gmail.com. [BR: The cfp has now been circulated.]
	2. **Modernism and Prejudice, Saturday 8th March 2014, University of St Andrew’s.** Emma Sutton summarised her proposal for this event, and explained that a cfp is in preparation.
	3. **Modernism and Religion, Friday 23rd May, 2014, University of Stirling.** Elizabeth Anderson will be leading this event, and details would be circulated nearer the time.

The meeting noted that, while events had generally been held on a Saturday in the past, this was not convenient for everyone and welcomed the idea of holding some events across the year on a Friday (or other weekday) instead.

1. **Planning for 2014-15**

Vassiliki Kolocotroni noted the forthcoming centenary of the outbreak of World War One, and offered to take the lead on organising an appropriate event at Glasgow in the next academic session. This was warmly welcomed by the meeting.

1. **Funding**

AT noted that funding was a perennial issue, but the meeting agreed that we would prefer to continue our principle of organising events which genuinely arise from the work of scholars in Scotland, rather than pursuing grants or funding which would require particular outcomes and might distort the activities of the Network. The idea of institutional subscription was raised, but it was generally felt that it would be difficult to sell to institutions, and in any case SNoMS events are, generally, quite generously subsidised by the hosting institution. Faye Hammill noted that the Royal Society of Edinburgh has funding for bringing in external speakers, though this funding was only open to Fellows or members of the Young Academy of Scotland. Faye, as a member of the YAS, was happy to have applications go through her. AT observed that we had not done this for some time and it was often a useful way of raising the profile of an event. It was agreed that inviting at least one external speaker per year was a good principle. AT suggested that another possibility might be for members to seek funding for a themed ‘strand’ of events (e.g. one a year across three years).

1. **AOB**

There was no further business

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