The 15th Annual Conference of the German and Dutch Graduate Students Association  
at the University of Wisconsin-Madison  

Time: German and Dutch Studies in the 4th Dimension  
March 1-2, 2013  
Keynote Speaker: Prof. Mike Putnam, Penn State University  

Call for Papers  

The German and Dutch Graduate Student Association seeks proposals for presentations at its 15th annual conference in Madison, Wisconsin on the theme of Time within German and Dutch Studies. We seek an interdisciplinary scope and welcome contributions from various scholarly, creative, and professional perspectives.

Time, as the Fourth Dimension, can be viewed either linearly or cyclically. Time can be considered a sequence, an event, a representation, a force, or an illusion. Time can be measured; it can also be killed, wasted, lost, or found. Time was represented by the Greeks as an old man, hinting that even the future is ancient. People spend time every moment, yet cannot define it. The subtle influences of time have profound effects on cultures, lives, and languages.

To investigate the phenomenon and category of time and its effects in the fields of German and Dutch Studies, we invite graduate student researchers, authors, and educators to participate in a multidisciplinary exploration. Fields of inquiry may include (but are not limited to) the following: literature, linguistics, second language acquisition, history, music and art history, religious studies, archeology and paleontology, anthropology, geography, and philosophy.

Possible topics could include:

- **Treatment of Time in Linguistics**
  - structural and sociolinguistic change over time
  - heritage language maintenance
  - language death
- **Aspects of Time in Cultural Studies**
  - the Zeitgeist as represented by individuals or works of art
  - historical figures that speak to their time
- **Representations of Time in Literature**
  - the "timelessness" of a literary work
  - development of an author seen through different works or revisions
  - narrative strategies for representing the passage of time
- **Dimensions of Time in Language Acquisition**
  - chronology of language learning in immersion, classroom, or non-instructed settings
  - on-line language processing
  - language attrition
  - acculturation and language socialization
  - identity (trans)formation
- **Illustrations of Time in Art**
- **Symbols of Time in History or Religious Studies**

The primary language of the conference will be English, but submissions in German or Dutch are also welcome. Abstracts for 20-minute presentations should be no more than 300 words and are due by January 3rd, 2013. We also invite multi-authored presentations. Submissions should not include the presenter’s name. Please include the following as a separate attachment: name, title of paper, department and university affiliation, address, phone number, and e-mail address. Please submit your abstracts to Kelsey White at kdwhite2@wisc.edu. Notifications of acceptance will be sent to participants in late January. Conference organizers will assist in securing accommodations for presenters, and there will be an option to stay with UW-Madison graduate students. Further details will be provided at the time of acceptance.

Please feel free to contact the conference organizers with questions, comments, or concerns: Mary Allison (mmallison@wisc.edu) ~ Kelsey White (kdwhite2@wisc.edu)

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