

CALL FOR PAPERS

BECKETT: ISLANDS AND LABORATORIES

The University of Gdańsk Samuel Beckett Seminar

16-17 May 2019

Sopot/Gdańsk, Poland

The main theme for the 2019 seminar is *Beckett: Islands and Laboratories* and it is part of a conference on *Islands and Laboratories* that will take place from 16 to 17 May 2019. We would like to invite both scholars and artists who wish to approach the theme in their own ways to join us. When considered literally, the theme of island may refer to Beckett as an artist from Ireland and the theme of laboratory may suggest theatre work understood as a specific cognitive island. However, we are also looking for metaphorical and symbolic interpretations of the theme by scholars and artists. We welcome the participation of literary and theatre scholars, and those engaged in research within the humanities and other disciplines, including the natural sciences. Our invitation is open to researchers, artists and anyone interested in developing a working – as well as accessible – discussion at the intersection of literature, theatre and science. While inviting papers on this subject, we also take the opportunity to announce that Professor S. E. GONTARSKI, Dr NICHOLAS JOHNSON and Dr JONATHAN HERON have already accepted our invitation to take part in the seminar. The conference will be part of the Between.Pomiędzy festival of literature and theatre held in Sopot from 13 to 19 May 2019.

For participation in the 2019 seminar, please send 250-word abstracts of papers by 15 March 2019 to beckett@ug.edu.pl. The conference registration fee is 100 euros (accommodation not included).

The University of Gdańsk Samuel Beckett Seminars have been organized every year since 2010. They have been attended by scholars and artists from various parts of the world and have resulted in several publications. Guest speakers have included: Marcello Magni (Complicite), Douglas Rintoul (Transport Theatre), Antoni Libera, Jarosław Fret (Teatr ZAR), Enoch Brater (USA), H. Porter Abbott (USA), Derek Attridge (United Kingdom), Antonia Rodríguez-Gago (Spain), Nadia Kamel (Egypt), Mark Nixon (UK), Robson Correa de Camargo (Brazil), Octavian Saiu (Romania) and Patricio Orozco (Argentina). Professor S.E. Gontarski is the honorary patron of the research group.

For more information see: www.between.org.pl.

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