

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
DEPARTMENTS OF COMPARATIVE CULTURAL STUDIES, ENGLISH, AND
MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES
ANNOUNCE TWO
INSTITUTE FOR WORLD LITERATURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Working in collaboration, the Departments of Comparative Cultural Studies, English, and Modern and Classical Languages, have become institutional members of the Institute for World Literature. Each year, the Institute offers an advanced, month-long seminar for advanced graduate students and for faculty. Institutional members are guaranteed space for two participants. The Institute's summer seminar, this year to be held at Bilgi University in Istanbul, Turkey, from 25 June to 20 July 2012.

The Departments of Comparative Cultural Studies, English, and Modern and Classical Languages are pleased to provide two scholarships to assist selected participants with costs of airfare, tuition, and accommodation. Scholarships are made possible through the generous assistance of the Gulen Institute and the Office of International Studies and Programs and the Departments of Comparative Cultural Studies, English, and Modern and Classical Languages.



The Institute for World Literature
Istanbul, 25 June - 20 July 2012



About the Institute for World Literature: The Institute for World Literature has been established in recognition that “the study of world literature has expanded in recent years into a far-reaching inquiry into the variety of the world’s literary cultures past and present. Courses in world literature are gaining new prominence around the world, and conferences on world literature are attracting large numbers of scholars in many countries engaged with an increasingly global literary world, from China to Turkey to Brazil. These developments open up exciting new possibilities for studying the world’s literatures – including the European literatures themselves.” The Institute and its summer program “provide faculty and graduate students the opportunity to come together to explore the theory and practice of teaching and studying world literature” (for full text, go to www.iwl.fas.harvard.edu).

During four weeks at the premier university of one of the world's greatest cities, **Istanbul**, participants will explore a variety of topics in seminars and lectures, led by some of the leading scholars of World Literature, including:



- **Pascale Casanova**, CRAL Paris, and Duke University
- **Paolo Horta**, NYU, Abu Dhabi
- **Djelal Kadir**, Pennsylvania State University
- **Ileana Orlich**, Arizona State University
- **Orhan Pamuk**, Istanbul, and Columbia University
- **Jale Parla**, Istanbul Bilgi University
- **Martin Puchner**, Harvard University
- **Ronit Ricci**, Australian National University
- **Bruce Robbins**, Columbia University

About the Award: The University of Houston's Institute for World Literature Scholarship provides financial support to send two scholars to the Institute's summer seminar to explore the theory and practice of teaching and studying world literature.

- **Eligibility:** Advanced graduate students and junior (non-tenured) faculty from the Departments of Comparative Cultural Studies, English, and Modern and Classical Languages who are engaged in research and teaching in aspects of World Literature as described on the Institute's website; for advanced graduate students and junior faculty developing curricula and planning to teach in World Literature.
- **The Scholarship:** The amount of the award will vary each year depending on the location of the summer seminars. For the 2012, the University of Houston Scholarship for the Institute of World Literature seminar in Istanbul will include:
 - ◆ For advanced graduate students: 1) airfare to Istanbul; 2) tuition (\$900); 3) accommodation at Bilgi University; 4) \$1,000 towards meals and expenses.
 - ◆ For junior faculty: 1) airfare to Istanbul; 2) tuition (\$900); 3) accommodation at Bilgi University.
- **Application Guidelines:** Applications are due on 20 February 2012. They should be sent, either in hard copy or electronically, to Ms. Judy Calvez, Department of English, 205 Roy Cullen (jcalvez@uh.edu). Decisions will be announced by 1 March 2012. Applications should include:
 - ◆ A letter of application, no longer than two pages, stating how your research and teaching engage aspects of world literature; how you think the summer seminar will advance your research projects and teaching or course development.
 - ◆ A current *curriculum vitae*.

- ◆ For advanced graduate students, a letter of recommendation from a thesis or dissertation advisor, or a faculty member familiar with your work in world literature; for junior faculty, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, at UH or elsewhere, able to address your teaching and research interests in world literature.
- **Selection Procedures and Criteria:** A selection committee comprising three senior faculty members, one from each of the member departments, will review the applications. The committee will consider such factors as:
 - ◆ The letter of application and the appropriateness of the research and teaching activities that it describes for the seminar's goals of "exploring the theory and practice of teaching and studying world literature."
 - ◆ Evidence of active scholarly and curricular interest in the study and teaching of world literature, as demonstrated in the applicant's *curriculum vitae*.
 - ◆ The assessment of the applicant's work in the field as evidenced in the letter of recommendation.

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