

Students Welcome!

Who or what is GAPS?

The Gesellschaft für Anglophone Postcolonial Studien e.V. (GAPS) is an academic association which brings together academic professionals, students, teachers and cultural workers from Germany, Europe and beyond. GAPS fosters research and teaching in the field of Anglophone Postcolonial Studies, focusing on literature and other cultural production from countries as diverse as India, Canada, South Africa or Jamaica.

What interests GAPS in particular?

GAPS focuses on exploring the literatures of those regions of the world, which have been colonised by England. Many of these countries' contemporary political and social problems can be directly linked to their colonial history. In addition, globalisation processes influenced the emergence of new cultural forms throughout the Anglophone world which are marked by transnational connections between societies and individuals, migration and Diasporic experiences.

How is GAPS interesting for students?

GAPS offers students who are interested in Anglophone Postcolonial Studies the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the literatures and cultures of the Anglophone world and to enter into an active dialogue with scholars, authors and like-minded peers. Students – not only GAPS members – are welcome to participate in three events that are regularly organised in cooperation with GAPS:

THE GAPS SUMMER SCHOOL

is a biannual event organised by students for students with the financial and organisational help of GAPS. It specifically targets students of English, who want to gain a first insight into the field of Anglophone Postcolonial Studies or who want to deepen their expertise in it. The Summer School brings together students from various countries, an international selection of authors and scholars for a week of lectures, seminars and readings to explore the cultural and literary variety of the Anglophone regions of the world.

THE POSTGRADUATE FORUM

“POSTCOLONIAL NARRATIONS”

The PGF “Postcolonial Narrations” aims to bring together young scholars and PhD candidates from Germany and beyond who are working in the field of postcolonial literatures and cultures. It provides a platform for young researchers to foster exchange and stimulate discussions of their research topics. With the support of GAPS, the postgraduate forum organizes a yearly conference at which participants discuss their ideas and current projects with fellow young academics.

THE ANNUAL GAPS CONFERENCE

is a platform where a variety of scholars and writers from all over the world present their current research. The conference offers students and younger scholars the opportunity to get into contact with senior scholars outside the common university setting and to diversify their knowledge about a variety of topics discussed in the area of postcolonial literatures and cultures.

What else do you need to know about GAPS?

Twice a year, GAPS members receive an information booklet, ACOLIT, which lists recent publications in the field of postcolonial research, currently taught seminars, and conference contributions.

GAPS is particularly committed to supporting young scholars and, therefore, also provides a research network for students to inform themselves about possibility of pursuing a thesis or dissertation in Anglophone Postcolonial Studies.

To be a GAPS member means being part of a lively academic network which is likely to complement and enrich your studies in many ways, not only if you are planning an academic career. The annual membership fee for students amounts to € 20,-.

Interested? You can find more information at www.g-a-p-s.de

Or contact the student representative on the advisory board (see website for details).