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April Conference is a triennial international conference which has been organized by the Institute of English Studies at the Jagiellonian University since 1978. The Conference is an opportunity to bring together scholars working in various fields of English and American Studies.

Call for papers for the thematic session:

Empirical Joyce

Empirical studies have for a long time led a marginalized life on the fringes of literary criticism, frowned upon by traditional critics as mere word counting or the collection of dry-as-dust data, based in obscure realist epistemologies and lacking a theoretical spark. Over the last years – in some fields already a few decades – they have, however, gained some ground and offered new perspectives and insights into literary works and their production, the sociology of readership, the migration of memes and motifs into new cultural ecologies like popular culture or the digital media, the establishment of hypertexts or the empirical reconstruction of historical environments – the list is far from complete.

Most of these approaches have already been used to considerable extent in Joyce studies – which in general are explorative and open to new venues of investigation – but they can still offer innovative perspectives and, in addition, also allow for reviews of the results that have already been obtained over the last decades. For our section we invite papers that may address the following issues but also any other line of empirical research into the extensive literary and cultural space circumscribed by the name **James Joyce**.

- **Digital Joyce Studies**
- **Linguistic Approaches to Joyce**
- **Genetic Joyce Studies**
- **Historical Reconstructions**
- **The Sociology of a Globalized Joyce**
- **Migrating Joyce**

Please send an abstract of approximately 200 words to Katarzyna Bazarnik (k.bazarnik@uj.edu.pl) and/or Dirk Vanderbeke (vanderbeke@t-online.de). The deadline for paper proposals is **20th December 2016**. Paper proposals will be reviewed anonymously and the authors will be notified about their acceptance via email. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **31st January 2017**. Early Conference registration and fee (available till **1st March 2017**) is **600 PLN** and late conference fee (available till **15th April 2017**) is **700 PLN**. More information is available on the April Conference website: www2.filg.uj.edu.pl/aprilconference.

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