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Verena Adamik currently holds a PhD scholarship, awarded by the Potsdam Graduate School of the University of Potsdam, supporting her dissertational project on utopian communities in fiction, which is supervised by Prof. Dr. Nicole Waller, University of Potsdam. Until October 2015, she taught American Studies at the University of Potsdam. She studied English Literature, American Studies, and Psychology at the Julius-Maximilians University of Würzburg, and received her M.A. in 2013. Her research interests include Utopian Studies, American Studies, Space, Science Fiction, Communalism, Political Participation, and Gothic/Horror literature.

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Dr Siân Adiseshiah is Reader in English Literature and Drama at the University of Lincoln. She has published widely on contemporary drama (political theatre in particular) and drama and utopianism. She is co-editor of *Twenty-First Century Drama: What Happens Now* (Palgrave, 2016) and *Twenty-First Century Fiction: What Happens Now* (Palgrave, 2013), and author of *Churchill's Socialism: Political Resistance in the Plays of Caryl Churchill* (CSP, 2009). She is currently writing her second monograph, *Utopian Drama: In Search of A Genre*, for Methuen Drama (2019).

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Ibtisam Ahmed is a second-year Doctoral Research Student at the School of Politics and IR, the University of Nottingham. His thesis looks at the ways in which the British Raj was conceptualised and implemented as a utopian project. He is a member of the Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice (CSSGJ), Institute of Asia Pacific Studies (IAPS), and the Centre for Research in Race and Rights (C3R) research centres based at the university, with CSSGJ and IAPS having kindly funded his participation at the conference. He is also a regular political columnist for the Bangladeshi newspaper Dhaka Tribune, a member of the University Radio Nottingham station where he hosts an international affairs podcast and an LGBTQ+ rights panel show, and is an active member of the movements to protect secularism and to repeal Section 377 in Bangladesh.

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Martin Aidnik is a Phd student at Tallinn University, Estonia. He received his Master's degree in Social and Cultural Theory from the University of Bristol, UK. His research interests are classical and contemporary social theory, utopian social thought and critical pedagogy. He has published articles on the various aspects of Zygmunt Bauman's sociology and Estonian society on websites such as openDemocracy and Truthout.

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Aline Ferreira is an Associate Professor at the University of Aveiro, in Portugal, where she teaches English Literature. Her main interests include the intersections between literature and science as well as literature and the visual arts, feminist utopias and women's studies. Her book *I Am the Other: Literary Negotiations of Human Cloning* was published by Greenwood Press in 2005. Recent publications comprise articles on feminist utopias, eugenics, biotechnological dystopias and bio art. She is now working on a book provisionally entitled: *The Sexual Politics of the Artificial Womb: Fictional and Visual Representations*.

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Nazan Alioğlu has a Masters degree in the Social and Cultural Structure of European Union (Istanbul University, 1994. Thesis title: "Historicity and Aesthetic Being in Benedetto Croce") and a Ph.D. in Communication Sciences (Marmara University, 1998. Thesis title: "Compulsory Realism in Art: Art Influenced by Today's Mass Communication and Cultural Consumerism". Her current fields are aesthetics, philosophy of art, communication and cultural studies. She is currently working as a full time lecturer and as the Chair of the Department of Television Journalism at Beykent University, Faculty of Communication (Istanbul).

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Monika Alleweldt is a member of Tamera since the beginning and she became one of the holders of the vision of the project. Besides playing the role of a teacher and speaker in Tamera, she also directs Verlag Meiga, a publishing house in Germany, where books about global solutions and new models for the development of a new culture.

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Yagiz Alp Tangun was born in 1991 in İzmit. He graduated from the political science department of Dokuz Eylul University. He is interested in epistemology, cultural studies and complexity studies. He studies self-organizing and complexity networks in social systems. Currently, he is a member of a home-office editorial team in Istanbul. He wrote with Hidir Eliguzel on complexity in social science, and they presented (2014) "An Essay about the Association of Anarchist Islands and Complexity Science" at the TUFOB I. Philosophy Student Conference, METU-Turkey published as "Build Bridges to Anarchisms: The Anarchist Islands Model" in the international journal *Felsefelogos*. He presented (2015) "Epistemological Connections in Self-Organizing: Métis" at the XV. International Symposium on 'Disorder Systems: Theory and Its Applications' (2015) and "Self-Organizing and Autonomous Behaviours as Métis" at the XVI. International

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Dario Altobelli is an independent researcher working in Italy. He holds a PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology and another PhD in Sociology, both from "Sapienza" University of Rome, and a Specialization in Archival Science received from the State Archive in Rome. While he currently works as archivist and consultant in records management, he has taught Sociology and Sociology of Law and continues to collaborate with the chairs of Sociology in the Department of Political Sciences in "Sapienza" University of Rome. He has published the books *I sogni della biologia. Utopia e ideologia delle scienze della vita del Novecento* (Cedam, 2012); *Il fondo archivistico Gaetano Mosca* (Nuova Cultura, 2010); *Indagine su un bandito. Il caso Musolino* (Squilibri, 2006). He is also author of various articles on utopia, science and the history of the human and social sciences published on academic journals and edited books. Among his next publications, are to mention a forthcoming book about Cesare Lombroso and the history of sociology; and three articles: on John Carpenter's "The Thing" for a collection on "Essays on Space Horror in Film, 1950s – 2000s" edited by Michele Brittany; on Orwell's "1984" for the "Critical Insights" Series, by Salem Press, edited by Thomas Horan; and on "Baudrillard, utopia and architecture" for the "Rehaline Architecture and

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Eva Antal is a Professor and Head of the Department of English Studies at Eszterhazy Karoly University, Eger, Hungary up until 2012. She has an M.A. in English Language and Literature and Philosophy from Debrecen University, 1996.

She teaches 18th and 19th c. British literature, contemporary literary theory, and aesthetics at Eszterhazy Karoly University and Debrecen University. Her major research interest is literary theory (deconstruction, rhetoric, the sublime), the theories of reading, the interpretation of the comic (satire, irony), and utopian and dystopian fiction.

In 2007 she published her book on irony in Hungarian and in 2008 she did research in London working on the completion of the English version of her book titled *Beyond Rhetoric. Rhetorical Figures of Reading*.

In November 2011 she successfully obtained a tenured professorship (and the degree of dr. habil.) in philosophy at Debrecen University. In July 2013 she was appointed as the Vice Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities at the university.

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Originally from London, Juliette Baigler worked as a learning consultant and coach for leaders who wanted to change the culture in their schools, businesses and NGOs. After about 15 years of facilitating community-building processes within organisations Juliette joined the community of Tamera. She works on the English translations of Tamera's publications and hosts guest groups.

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Antonis Balasopoulos completed his B.A in English Language and Literature at Aristotle University in 1991, then went on to the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where he received an M.A in English (1994) and a Ph.D in English, with a minor in Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies (1998). He has taught at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Spring 2001), the University of Minnesota (1994-97), and the University of California, Santa Cruz (2007). He has held a Visiting Research Fellowship at Princeton University (2004-05) and has been appointed Institute Faculty at the Dartmouth Institute of American Studies,

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Jonathan Baldwin

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Jonathan Baldwin has recently completed his PhD at Royal Holloway, University of London. His thesis examines the meeting between the conceptualisations of crime and the varied formations of utopian projections in late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century socialist discourse in Britain. He is currently working on the development of his thesis in preparation for publication.

Katarzyna Baran

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Katarzyna Baran graduated from the University of Silesia, Poland with an M.A. in English Philology, majoring in Literary and Cultural Studies and minoring in Applied Linguistics. She completed her PhD at URV, Tarragona, Spain and is now a lecturer at URV. Her fields of interest include: contemporary young adult dystopia; children's literature; memory and trauma and their role in dystopian writing and in literature for children and young adults.

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Joel Barros is an Portuguese electrical engineer who left his career to look for an alternative way of life. On his way he became a language teacher, having lived in 5 different countries in Europe and in China. Last year he joined Tamera and he is now a member of the team who develops the Portuguese network in the Institute for Global Peace Work.

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Jorge Bastos da Silva teaches in the Department of Anglo-American Studies, the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Porto. His main fields of research are English Literature and Culture, Intellectual History, Utopian Studies, and Translation and Reception Studies. He is the author and editor of a number of works, among which: *O Discurso sobre a Tradução na Literatura Portuguesa (Classicismo e Romantismo) – Antologia* (2015); *Tradução e Cultura Literária. Ensaios sobre a Presença de Autores Estrangeiros em Portugal* (2014); *The Epistemology of Utopia: Rhetoric, Theory and Imagination* (2013); *A Instituição da Literatura. Horizonte Teórico e Filosófico da*

Cultura Literária no Limiar da Modernidade (2010); *Vasco José de Aguiar, Utopista Português do Século XIX* (2010); *Shakespeare no Romantismo Português. Factos, Problemas, Interpretações* (2005); *Utopias de Cordel e Textos Afins. Uma Antologia* (2004); *O Véu do Templo. Contributo para uma Topologia Romântica* (1999).

Bengisu BAYRAK

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Bengisu Bayrak was born in 1978 in Germany. She studied painting at Marmara University. She has a Masters degree in Film and Television (Istanbul Bilgi University), another Masters degree in Business Administration in Marketing; and a PhD in Art. She is a contemporary artist and currently working as a full time lecturer at Nişantaşı University, Faculty of Art and Design and as the Chair of the Department of Graphic Design.

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evolution of our global civilizational period.

David M. Bell

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David M. Bell is interested in how utopia(nism) might work within, against and beyond this - and any - present. He is the author of *Rethinking Utopia: Place, Power, Affect* (Routledge, 2017) and is a committee member of the Utopian Studies Society. He is currently employed by Newcastle University, where he works on Imaginaries of the Future - an interdisciplinary Leverhulme International Research Network exploring utopia(nism) in relation to a number of contemporary issues.

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Liam Benison is an Erasmus Mundus joint-doctoral candidate on the Text and Event in Early Modern Europe (TEEME) programme, based at Universidade do Porto in Portugal and the University of Kent in the UK. His research investigates the role of the construct of the antipodes in shaping European views of the world and 'other' in the context of the spatial discourses of early modern geography and emerging scientific approaches to understanding the natural world. His focus is on a variety of mainly seventeenth-century texts concerned with Terra Australis Incognita, including maps, utopian fictions, dramas, and travellers' voyage accounts. After graduating with an MA in English from the University of Melbourne, Australia,

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Ana Maria Binet is full professor at the University Bordeaux Montaigne, France, where she occupies the chair of Portuguese Studies. She is a specialist in Portuguese Literature and Cultural Studies, and History of Religions (western esotericism). She is the Head of the Department of Portuguese, Brazilian and Luso-African Studies. She directs a Research Center, the GIRLUF

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James Block
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Jim Block teaches political thought, political culture, and social and psychosocial transformation at DePaul University. He has written on the problematic of American (and modern) culture as well as doing lectures and workshops on social change and the utopian moment we now live in. His

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Anna Boguska (anna.boguska@ispan.waw.pl) – literary scholar and cultural expert, PhD in Humanities, assistant professor at the Institute of Slavic Studies (Polish Academy of Sciences), lecturer at the College of Eastern Europe of the University of Warsaw, the author of the papers on contemporary Croatian literature, including articles on the issue of utopia (a.o. Transformations of utopia in the Croatian insular prose of the second half of 20th and the first half of the 21st centuries based on examples, In the circle of the 20th century dystopia. About reading the novel 'Otok snova' by Damir Miloš). Research interests: contemporary Croatian literature, especially insular prose, utopian and dystopian studies, history of ideas and philosophy.

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Leonardo Bora has a PhD in Literary Theory by the Program of Graduate Studies in Science of Literature at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Scholarship CNPq), which conducts research on the narratives of samba school parades (with emphasis on the work of Rosa Magalhães), the presence of Indian carnival in demonstrations and in Brazilian literature and concepts of utopia (eutopia, dystopia, heterotopia) and cultural cannibalism. He has a Masters in Literary Theory (2014) by the Program of Graduate Studies in Science of UFRJ Literature (Scholarship CNPq), having defended the dissertation "The Antropofagia Rosa Magalhães." He also has a Degree in Portuguese Language - English (2009) from the Pontifical Catholic University of Parana (with full scholarship granted by the institution) and Bachelor of Laws (2011) from the Federal University of Paraná, where he was a fellow Scientific Initiation (bags National Treasury and CNPq) in the line of research "Law and Literature: emancipatory narratives" and defended a monograph titled "The Right Pego at Rabo: Aliceando Themis." Substitute Professor of the Department of Art - GAT Fluminense Federal University, teaching classes for the course of Cultural Production (Procult - IACS). He has been a member of the Society for Utopian Studies since 2014.

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Franziska Bork Petersen is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Copenhagen's Department of Arts and Cultural Studies. She holds a PhD in Theatre Studies from Stockholm University and Freie Universität Berlin. Franziska's current work is on the relation between utopianism and the human body. She teaches topics relating to performance, dance, fashion, gender and the body.

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Shmuel Burmil is a retired (associate) professor (Technion, Haifa, Israel, Clemson University, South Carolina) and part time practitioner. He holds degrees in Biology, Landscape Architecture and a Ph.D. in Renewable

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Joana Caetano completed her Master's Degree in Anglo-American Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto (FLUP), with a dissertation on Eschatology and Utopian Thinking during the Cromwellian Period. As a current member of the Centre for English, Translation and Anglo-Portuguese Studies (CETAPS), she has been doing research in the fields of British Literature and Culture, with special focus on Utopian Studies and more recently on Food Studies.

She has published a few articles in the fields of her interest, presented several papers at national and international conferences and co-edited an issue of Spaces of Utopia: An Electronic Journal (Series II, Number 2 - 2013).

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Anna Campbell is a postgraduate English student in the School of Letters, Arts and Media at the University of Sydney, Australia. Her area of research is contemporary literature, with an interest in the history of utopias and dystopias, biotechnology, female voice, and the work of Margaret Atwood.

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Gregory Claeys is Professor of History at Royal Holloway, University of London. He is the author of eight books, including *Searching for Utopia* (Thames & Hudson, 2011) and *Dystopia: A Natural History* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

Almudena Machado Jiménez

(University of Jaén)

The 20th century left as a legacy the resulting union between human cruelty and the latest technological advances. The World Wars and their war sequels, promising peace to humanity, were no other than the deceit to the masses, hiding genocide and massacre, due to the greed of the egotistical utopian dream of tyrannical powers. George Orwell was the best illustrator of the individual impotence in this suffocating situation, and the inevitable fall of the rebel against the corrupt state. Thus, dystopia is born. Nonetheless, it is precisely this historical analysis which has permitted other heroes not to fall in the same mistakes of the past, fighting for a more pacific and cooperative future. And this is exactly what this workshop tries to achieve, offering a new perspective in Secondary Education teaching based in a transdisciplinary application of dystopia in the classroom, so student's critical thinking is enhanced. By understanding the principles of Dystopology and of the education for solidarity, we will proceed to show and evaluate the activities and the teacher's book proposed for the project as well

as the methodology employed overall. The activities designed entail compensation between enjoyment and critical analysis, so this workshop will need attendants' active participation to experiment and amuse themselves in the construction of a communal utopia. The accomplishment of all the activities will lead students, as well as our attendants, to a reversal of Orwell's dystopia, achieving a promising place out of the nightmarish world of 1984. Max. 25 participants.

Louise Clarke

(De Montfort University, University of Northampton)

Artist/curator Louise Clarke graduated from Central St Martins in 1997 and gained her MA from the Royal College Of Art in 1999. Assistant to the late Helen Chadwick and a fellow of the RCA, Louise's own art practice developed broadly, embracing a range of media (print, photography, drawing, recycled and scavenged materials) to produce a variety of installation based outcomes (2D and 3D, multiples, architectural scale interventions, etc). Louise recently curated :Xenotopia, a group exhibition of 14 artists and is about to edit a related publication. In connection to this she will be curating a sequel exhibition to :Xenotopia in 2017. Louise has co-curated and programmed public art events through the Big Draw campaign since 2000. She has worked with institutions such as the British Museum, The Natural History Museum and the V&A. In a similar role, Louise has worked with English Heritage as lead artist in a range of site-specific art projects.

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Francesco Adriano Clerici lives and works in Berlin. Since April 2015 he is PhD Student at the Institut für Judaistik of the Freie Universität Berlin. His dissertation focuses on psychoanalytic constellations and work of the Negative (le Travail du négatif, André Green) in Franz Kafka's last creative period, investigating the role of the Negative in Kafka's relationship with Judaism and its influence on Gershom Scholem.

He works on contemporary authors in English, French, and German language, among which Paul Celan, Samuel Beckett, Maurice Blanchot and Jacques Derrida. Clerici is also active as translator.

Claudia Coimbra

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Cláudia Coimbra holds a degree in Portuguese and English Studies and is currently preparing her MA thesis on the eighteenth century English novel. Her other main research areas of interest include Early Modern English Drama, Cultural Studies, Romanticism, Poetry of the Great War, Modernism and Gender Studies. She is also a collaborator of the Centre for English, Translation and Anglo-Portuguese Studies at University of Porto.

Stuart Connor

(University of Wolverhampton)

Stuart Connor has a background in policy analysis and is currently a Reader

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Marta Correia is currently attending a Ph.D course in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities in the University of Porto. She holds an M.A. degree in Women's Studies. Her main research interests include Virginia Woolf and her facet as a feminist, women's activist groups and also female writers who focus on the issues of oppression and war. At the moment, she is researching the work of Slavenka Drakulić, a Croatian author who has dedicated some of her writings to the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. Marta has participated in a number of projects in the University of Porto coordinated by CETAPS (the Centre for English, Translation and Anglo-Portuguese Studies) and by ILC-ML (Instituto de Literatura Comparada Margarida Losa), has been involved in the organisation of conferences and participated in several international conferences in Portugal and abroad.

Susana Correia

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Susana Correia studied Law at the Faculdade de Direito da Universidade do Porto, has a Bachelor's degree in Literatures, Languages and Cultures (English and Spanish) from the Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto and is currently doing a Master's Degree in Anglo-American Studies at the same institution. She is presently preparing a Master's dissertation on Sylvia Plath's *The Bell Jar* and is a Junior Researcher at CETAPS (Centre for English, Translation, and Anglo-Portuguese Studies)

Cheryl Coulthard

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Cheryl Coulthard received her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Calgary, her Master's of Teaching and Master's of Library Science Degrees from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas and her Master of Arts degree in History from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. She is currently a PhD student at Texas A & M University in College Station. Her dissertation research, under the direction of Dr. Lorien Foote, is a comparative study of communes in the 1840s, 1870s and 1960s in the United States and Great Britain, examining utopian solutions to problems of gender, race and economic inequality.

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He has written and made presentations at scientific congresses. One of his articles, "Perception of Ethic and Public Morality in spring of Complexity and Holistic Life"; (in Symposium of Public Morality, Public Administration

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The 20th century left as a legacy the resulting union between human cruelty and the latest technological advances. The World Wars and their war sequels, promising peace to humanity, were no other than the deceit to the masses, hiding genocide and massacre, due to the greed of the egotistical utopian dream of tyrannical powers. George Orwell was the best illustrator of the individual impotence in this suffocating situation, and the inevitable fall of the rebel against the corrupt state. Thus, dystopia is born. Nonetheless, it is precisely this historical analysis which has permitted other heroes not to fall in the same mistakes of the past, fighting for a more pacific and cooperative future. And this is exactly what this workshop tries to achieve, offering a new perspective in Secondary Education teaching based in a transdisciplinary application of dystopia in the classroom, so student's critical thinking is enhanced. By understanding the principles of Dystopology and of the education for solidarity, we will proceed to show and evaluate the activities and the teacher's book proposed for the project as well as the methodology employed overall.

The activities designed entail compensation between enjoyment and critical analysis, so this workshop will need attendants' active participation to experiment and amuse themselves in the construction of a communal utopia. The accomplishment of all the activities will lead students, as well as our attendants, to a reversal of Orwell's dystopia, achieving a promising place out of the nightmarish world of 1984. Max. 25 participants.

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Vita Fortunati was Professor of English Literature and Director of the Interdepartmental Centre of Utopian Studies at the University of Bologna. She has coordinated many European thematic networks: Cultural Memory in European countries and Interfacing Sciences, Literature and Humanities. She has focused her research on Utopian Studies and she has promoted a trans-cultural investigation of the relationship between utopia and national cultural identity. She has extensively published books and essays on modernism, utopian literature, women's writing, cultural memory, nostalgia, the representation of female body, aging between culture and medicine.

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Forthcoming publication: "The Universal in the Particular: Between Romance, Allegory and Realism in Aphra Behn's *Oroonoko*"

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Publication: *Finstere neue Welten. Gattungsparadigmatische Transformationen der literarischen Utopie und Dystopie*. Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2014.

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