



80 JAHRE TOLKIEN-REZEPTION UND-WIRKUNG 80 YEARS OF TOLKIEN CRITICISM AND RECEPTION

Deutschen Tolkien Gesellschaft e. V.

in co-operation with the

English Institute – RWTH Aachen and Walking Tree Publishers

5.- 7. October 2018

Dear conference participants,
we are looking forward to welcome you at the **fifteenth Tolkien Seminar of the German Tolkien Society**, which is the third **Tolkien Seminar in Aachen**, the former emperor city and residence of Charlemagne. Once more it will be an event with interesting lectures by international scholars in a historical city worth seeing.

Seminar location:

The Seminar takes place at the **Institute for English Studies at the RWTH Aachen University**.
The address:

RWTH Aachen
Institut für Anglistik, Amerikanistik und Romanistik
Kármánstraße 17/19
52062 Aachen

Inside the building the way to the Seminar lecture hall will be signposted.

Program:

We have tried to arrange the lectures in thematically more or less coherent groups.

Friday, October 5th 2018

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| 15.00 Uhr | Eröffnung und Grußworte (Wenzel von der RWTH, DTG-Vertreter) |
| 15.15 Uhr | Allan Turner, <i>The Road Goes Ever On</i> |
| 16.00 Uhr | Jon Naumann, English Studies and Tolkien: A Reexamination of the 1969 Columbia Pamphlet |
| 16.45 Uhr | <i>Pause</i> |
| 17.15 Uhr | Lukasz Neubauer, "I come from Mordor": Professor Przemysław Mroczkowski as Tolkien's Friend and Tolkien Scholar |
| 18.00 Uhr | Wilhelm Kuehs, Tolkien und die Neue Rechte – ein Missverständnis? |

Dinner at Elisenbrunnen Restaurant (pre-booking required; please let Julian Eilmann know: julian.eilmann@tolkiengesellschaft.de)

Saturday, October 6th

- 9.00 Uhr Christian und Sophie Lemburg, Tolkien in Japan
9.45 Uhr Elina Shustova, Critical and Scholarly Reception of J.R.R. Tolkien's works in Russia at the turn of the XX-XXI centuries
10.30 Uhr *Pause*
11.00 Uhr Claudio Testi, 35 Years of Italian Tolkien Criticism
11.45 Uhr Renee Vink, Reception in Low Lands
14.00 Uhr *Stadtführung durch Jörg Fündling*
15.30 Uhr Hamish Williams, Tolkien in South Africa Now: Public and Academic Receptions
16.15 Uhr Magdalena Mączyńska, J. R. R. Tolkien and the development of Polish mythopoeic fantasy – writers, publishing houses and literary criticism
17.15 Uhr The Contributions of the German Tolkien Society and Walking Tree Publishers to Tolkien Scholarship
18.15 Uhr *Book Presentation (WTP and others) and Honorary Degree*

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Sunday, October 7th

- 9.00 Uhr Annie Birks, Faërie and Applicability: The Aesthetic Experience of Tolkien's Literary Legacy
9.45 Uhr Nilüfer Ulusoy-Schmitz, J.R.R. Tolkien - Reception and Artistic Interpretation of his Literary and Visual Artwork
10.30 Uhr *Pause*
11.00 Uhr Mina Lukic, Digital Poachers in Arda: Imagining, Interpreting and Remembering J.R.R.Tolkien's Secondary World in Participatory Culture
11.45 Uhr Jennifer Neidhardt, "The Hands of the King Are the Hands of a Healer" – Masculinity and the Deconstruction of Traditional Heroism in the Work of J.R.R. Tolkien
12.30 Uhr *Final discussion*

Travel:

By plane: The most convenient airports are **Aachen-Maastricht Airport**, **Düsseldorf International Airport** and **Cologne International Airport** – from there it is about one hour by train to Aachen main station. It is also possible to fly to **Airport Weeze**, but the transport from Weeze to Aachen by train is much more difficult.

By train: Aachen can be easily approached by train from all regions in Germany and the other European countries. For more information and tickets see also <https://www.bahn.com/en>

Upon arrival at the Aachen main station it is a 15min walk to the Seminar building. Otherwise take the bus line 3B from main station to bus stop "Aachen Schanz" and then line 4 and get off at bus stop "Kármán-Auditorium".

Planning the inner city bus trip is easy with the **bus line information system** at the Aachen bus company homepage: www.aseag.de/Fahrplanauskunft/index.php

For more general information see also the travel-information at www.aachen-tourist.de

Accommodation:

Rooms can easily be booked with the official homepage of the Aachen tourist information: <https://www.aachen-tourismus.de/en/planning-booking/hotels-accommodations/>

You can find a hotel of all price categories. Rooms from ca. 110€ for two nights upwards can be reserved and booked.

The Ibis Hotel near the main station is a good and cheap choice:

Hotel Ibis Aachen Hauptbahnhof (ca. 55€ per night)

<http://ibishotel.ibis.com/de/hotel-1437-ibis-aachen-hauptbahnhof/index.shtml>

The Holiday Inn is a convenient place as well:

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/de/de/aachen/vtngc/hoteldetail?>

The A & O Hotel, a budget hotel/hostel offers convenient accommodation:

http://www.aohostels.com/de/aachen/aachen-hauptbahnhof/?gclid=Cj0KEQiAzvmkBRcm3ZbV-4-hwrYBEiQAglOw62FmOUHqadtA3zbFKmzA0y0dfiu5fjSy4N_GXitAW0aAhqI8P8HAQ#&slider1=2

Seminar Dinners

Tables have been reserved at a beautiful restaurant for the Seminar dinners on Friday and Saturday. We will dine at the picturesque **Elisenbrunnen Restaurant** that offers high quality regional meals at medium prices. **Those lecturers and visitors, who are interested in joining us at the dinner, are asked to contact Seminar organizer Dr. Julian Eilmann (julian.eilmann@tolkiengesellschaft.de) with their confirmation until 19th September, because we have to know the exact number of participants.**

City guided tour

Aachen dates back to Roman times and is known as the former residence of Emperor Charlemagne. With the impressive historical inner city district ("Pfalz") and especially the picturesque Cathedral (*Unesco World Heritage*) Aachen is an attractive place to visit.

We offer a **free guided tour** by a Tolkien scholar and university historian that will explore the sights of the city center. **All those interested in joining the tour are asked to contact Dr. Julian Eilmann (julian.eilmann@tolkiengesellschaft.de) as well.**

Expenses and Conference Fee:

We do not ask for a conference fee, since we have the DTG, RWTH and WTP as sponsors covering the basic infrastructure. Participants may attend the whole conference or selected lectures free of any costs.

Looking forward to seeing you in Aachen!

In the name of the conference committee
Dr. Dr. Thomas Fornet-Ponse & Dr. Julian Eilmann