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The *Transitions Seminar* is a permanent initiative set up in 2019 by the LIMEN Research Group. It convenes approximately on a bi-monthly basis, online since 2020. It provides a forum for debate on liminality and related issues, and a research-training ground for PhD candidates, as well as functioning as a venue for the current *Transitions Project*. It is linked to The Gateway Press and the websites *LIMEN & TEXT*, *The Northanger Library*, and *The Janus Gate Project*.

<http://www.limenandtext.com/rst.html>

<http://www.limenandtext.com/index.html>

<https://northangerlibrary.com/>

<http://janusgate literature.com/>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For our first talk this academic year, we are happy to announce a special guest speaker:

Dr. Paola del Zoppo,

Lecturer in German literature at the
Università degli Studi della Tuscia (Viterbo),

will speak on

**“Liminal Spaces and Liminal Emotions in
Girlfriend on Mars, by Deborah Willis,
and**

***Die Farbe des Granatsapfels*, by Anna Baar.”**

on Thursday, October the 26th,
at 10 a.m.,
via Zoom

The talk will last some 30 minutes.
You will receive the Zoom link a few days before the event.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF LIMINALITY STUDIES

A bibliography of liminality-related publications has been laboriously in the making for some time now. Here are a few titles to be added to it.

Memory studies

Claudia Mueller-Greene

‘The Concept of Liminality as a Theoretical Tool in Literary Memory Studies: Liminal Aspects of Memory in Salman Rushdie’s *Midnight’s Children*’
Journal of Literary Theory vol. 16:2 (2022), pp. 264-288.

<https://doi.org/10.1515/jlt-2022-2025>.

Cultural studies

Lewis, T., Markham, A., & Holcombe-James, I. (2021)

‘Embracing Liminality and "Staying with the Trouble" on (and off) Screen’.
M/C Journal 24:3

<https://doi.org/10.5204/mcj.2781>

Barry Stephenson

‘The Limits of Liminality: A Critique of Transformationism’

Liminalities: A Journal of Performance Studies 16: 4 (2020), 1-23, p. 11

<http://liminalities.net/16-4/transformationism.pdf>

Migration studies

Ville Hartonnen & al.

‘A stage of Limbo: A Meta-synthesis of Refugees’ Liminality’.

Applied Psychology 71:3 (2021), 1132-1167.

<https://iaap-journals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/apps.12349>

Karsten Giese

‘Chinese traders in Ghana: The liminality trap, and challenges for ethnic formation and integration’.

In Zhou, M. (Ed.), *Contemporary Chinese diasporas* (Palgrave Macmillan 2017), 53-78.

Kirk, K., Bal, E., & Janssen, S. R.

‘Migrants in liminal time and space: An exploration of the experiences of highly skilled Indian bachelors in Amsterdam’

Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies 43(July 2017), 2771-2787.

Anthropology

Agnes Horvath, Bjørn Thomassen, Harald Wydra, eds.

Breaking Boundaries: Varieties of Liminality

Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2015.

Medicine

John Miles Little, Christopher F. C. Jordens, Kim Paul, Kathleen Montgomery, & Bertil Philipson. ‘Liminality: A major category of the experience of cancer illness’

Social Science & Medicine 47: 10 (1998), 1485-1494.

Repr. in *Bioethical Inquiry* 19 (2022), 37–48, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11673-022-10175-x>.

Claire Hooker & Ian Kerridge

‘Liminality and the Mirage of Settlement’

Journal of Bioethical Inquiry 19 (2022), 55–60.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11673-021-10160-w>.

Paul Stenner and Raffaele De Luca Picione

‘A Theoretically Informed Critical Review of Research Applying the Concept of Liminality to Understand Experiences with Cancer: Implications for a New Oncological Agenda in Health Psychology’

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health 20:11 (2023), 59–82. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10253067/>

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