Intermediality in Contexts of (Post-)Migration

With global mobilities increasing and diversifying, migration and postmigration have become central themes in the artistic production, giving expression to the changing realities of contemporary life worlds around the globe and, more particularly, in Europe. Both themes also often impact on the production, reception and institutionalization of contemporary artistic practice, resulting in uses of multilingualism and interculturality in ways that depart e.g. from the idea of a (national) literary canon or the dramatic tradition of a national theater. Often, intermediality plays a central role in art that is attune to the experience of intra- and non-European migration, refugeeism and hybrid identities in the (post-)migratory societies of our times.

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Researchers interested in an advanced project focused on intermediality in contexts of migration and postmigration in and beyond Europe are invited to discuss ideas in the context of a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship submission. Research projects may concentrate on exploring intermediality’s external functions and/or the interplay between aesthetic and socio-political functions. Researchers fascinated by (post-) migratory aesthetics in media beyond the field of drama and theatre are equally invited to get in touch.

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