

# The Eighth Annual Wenshan International Conference

English Department, National Chengchi University,

Taipei, Taiwan

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### *Literature and Violence*

Violence—in the form of justification for it and stricture against it, of appreciation and fear of it, of gratification and remorse resulting from it—has always been a vital element of literature and of the culture that is the shared context in which both literature and violence appear. The traditional genres of epic, tragedy, and comedy, forms that Aristotle called “imitations of men in action,” are in part means of organizing the representation of violence and/or the threat or possibility of violence.

The Eighth Annual Wenshan International Conference, organized by the English Department of National Chengchi University, Taipei, aims to uncover and shed light on the varied facets of violence as it appears in literature, and clarify the connections between literature and the larger culture that produces it.

Suggested topics of the conference include:

- Aesthetics of violence
- Psychology of violence
- Rhetoric of violence/ violent rhetoric
- Ethics of violence
- Non-violence
- Scenes of violence (city and elsewhere)
- Political violence
- Representations of war
- Violence and pleasure
- Violence and race

#### **Paper Presentations:**

The language of the conference will be English, though there will be a special session for papers delivered in Chinese, and another for papers written by

graduate students. Paper presentations will be limited to twenty minutes, plus ten minutes for questions and discussion following each paper.

**Organizer:** Department of English, National Chengchi University

**Conference Date:** May 9-10, 2009

**Conference Venue:** National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan

**Abstract/Proposal Submission:**

Please submit abstracts/proposals of at least 400 words written in either Chinese or English (without name of the author(s)) via the conference website at:

<http://english.nccu.edu.tw/seminar/actnews.php?Sn=6>.

The deadline for all abstracts and proposals is November 30, 2008.

**Important Dates:**

1. The deadline for all abstracts and proposals is November 30, 2008.
2. Responses to submissions will be sent no later than January 20, 2009.
3. Complete texts of papers to be presented are due by April 17, 2009.
4. Conference dates are May 9-10, 2009.

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