



## **The Cultural Politics of Ageing in the Nineteenth Century: Interdisciplinary Perspectives**

International Conference at the University of Regensburg (Germany), 24-26 November 2011

Conference Venue: Haus der Begegnung, Regensburg

### **Thursday, 24 November 2011**

7pm Conference Warming

### **Friday, 25 November 2011**

\*\*\* Registration \*\*\*

10am Welcome:

Christian Wolff, Dean of the Faculty of Languages, Literatures and Cultures (University of Regensburg)

Anne-Julia Zwierlein and Katharina Boehm (University of Regensburg)

10.30am Panel I:

#### ***Periodising Victorian Concepts of Old Age***

Chair: Jochen Petzold (University of Regensburg)

Lynn Botelho (Indiana University of Pennsylvania): A Respectful Challenge to the Nineteenth-Century's View of Itself: An Argument for the Early Modern Medicalization of Old Age

David Amigoni (Keele University): Re-assessing the "Old" in the Lives and Afterlives of Arnold Bennett's *The Old Wives' Tale*

Greta Olson (University of Gießen): The fin-de-siècle's Literary and Scientific Discovery of Ageing

12.30pm Lunch Break

2pm Panel II:

***Victorian Old Age, Place and the Law***

Chair: Inge Kroppenber (University of Regensburg)

Katharina Boehm (University of Regensburg): Old Age and the “Transatlantic Indian”: Cross-Racial Mentorship in Narratives of National Belonging

Anna Farkas (University of Regensburg): “The World Is All Being Remade”: Intergenerational Conflict in J.M. Barrie’s War Plays

4pm Coffee Break

5pm Panel III:

***Victorian (Legal) Intergenerational Dialogues – Youth and Age***

Chair: Katharina Boehm (University of Regensburg)

Rebecca Probert (Warwick University): Freedom of Testation in Victorian England

Jochen Petzold (University of Regensburg): “Poor Mother’s Growing Old”: The Representation of Ageing and Old Age in *The Girl’s Own Paper* (1880-1900)

Norbert Lennartz (University of Vechta): Worst Agers: Children as Old People in Victorian Fiction

7.30pm Conference Dinner

**Saturday, 26 November 2011**

10am Panel IV:

***Victorian Narratives of Old Age and Productivity***

Chair: Anne Farkas ( University of Regensburg)

Anne-Julia Zwierlein (University of Regensburg): “Exhausting the Powers of Life”: Ageing, Energy and Productivity in Nineteenth-Century Scientific and Literary Discourses

Brian Worsfold (University of Lleida): “The True Morality of Fiction”: Ageing Truths in Some Writings by Edward Bulwer-Lytton

Gordon McMullan (King’s College London): The Invention of the “Ageing” Shakespeare in the Nineteenth Century: Late Style and German Critics

12 noon Lunch Break

2pm Panel V:

***The Gender and Sexuality of Victorian Old Age***

Chair: Anne-Julia Zwierlein (University of Regensburg)

Kay Heath (Georgia Gwinnet College): The New Old Man and the Neutral Man-Woman: Gender and Ageing in Victorian Fiction

Karen Chase (University of Virginia): Senile Sexuality

Teresa Mangum (University of Iowa): The Unnatural Youth of the Old "New Woman"

Helen Small (Pembroke College, University of Oxford): Was there a Victorian "Double Standard" of Ageing?

4.30pm Coffee Break

5pm Visit to the Regensburg Christmas Markets in the Old Town

**Sunday, 27 November 2011**

10am Guided City Tour