

UCML Executive Committee

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Item 10e Lusophone studies report

Portuguese and Brazilian Studies Report to UCML. 26 April 2019

1. **The 8th ABIL** (Association of British and Irish Lusitanists) Biannual Conference will be held 6-7 September 2019 at the University of Edinburgh. TROPO (Teachers and Researchers of Portuguese Language) and REBRAC (Rede Europeia de Brasilianistas de Análise Cultural) will both be represented there. The Conference will also host a number of specialist panels derived from the *Transnational Portuguese Studies* volume (edited by Hilary Owen and Claire Williams) as part of the Transnational Modern Languages series, forthcoming with Liverpool University Press. The ABIL organiser will be Dr. Raquel Ribeiro. <http://www.abil-lusitanists.org/>
2. **ABIL 2019 Funding.** ABIL has instigated a new bursary scheme to support fixed-term researchers with no access to institutional research funds, so that they do not fall between the absence of institutional research funding and PhD-driven bursary schemes. Given that many HEIs do not support ECR/postdoctoral researchers on short/fixed-term contracts, ABIL hopes that UCML will lobby for better research funding for this category of researcher, especially where short-term contract hiring may be on the increase.
3. **The 41st ACIS** (Association for Contemporary Iberian Studies) Annual Conference will take place 4-6 September 2019 at the University of Lisbon. <https://acisconference2019.weebly.com/#>
4. **TROPO** (Teachers and Researchers of Portuguese Language) organised a workshop day on 'Using short films creatively in the Portuguese Classroom', delivered by Dr. Carmen Herrera, on 6 April 2019, 10:30 – 16:00, Manchester Metropolitan University, Business School. Having launched this network with a series of successful workshops, TROPO will now hold their 1st Annual Conference on the theme of 'Português Língua Global', on 15 June 2019 at King's College, London, with support from the Instituto Camões and KCL. Updates are available on: <https://tropouk.weebly.com/i-conference.html> Sub-topics for the Conference are:
 - One global language, several variants: classroom challenges and how to address them.
 - Reflection on teaching language and culture or language through culture, including using literary texts, films and CLIL.

- Design and evaluation of textbooks and other teaching materials, including digital resources.
 - Effective methodologies and L&T approaches to Portuguese, including student-centred learning, active learning and task-based language teaching.
 - Uses and effectiveness of technologies in language learning and teaching, including online autonomous language learning.
 - Effective programme and syllabus design.
 - Assessment for learning and assessment of learning, including international proficiency exams of Portuguese as a Foreign Language (CELPE-Bras and CAPLE).
 - Policies in the promotion, projection and diffusion of Portuguese and cultures of Portuguese-speaking countries.
5. **REBRAC** (Rede Europeia de Brazilianistas de Análise Cultural)
The next REBRAC Conference is likely to be hosted in the UK, in February 2020.
6. **Jair Bolsonaro Presidency.** ABIL members have expressed grave concern about the impact of Jair Bolsonaro's presidency in Brazil for academics, scholars and international research cooperation and networking. This will be discussed, and a suitable statement of solidarity drafted, at the ABIL AGM in September 2019, to be shared with UCML at the Autumn Executive in November 2019, for discussion of possible endorsement by UCML.
7. **Language Mapping Exercise.** The possibility of conducting a language mapping exercise to gauge current risks, strengths and priorities for Portuguese Studies in the UK MFL teaching will be raised by the UCML Portuguese representative for discussion on the AGM agenda at ABIL, in September 2019. If examples of similar precedent projects could be shared with the Portuguese representative, this would be very helpful.

Prof. Hilary Owen.
15 April 2019