

## UCML Executive Committee

Friday 29th April 2022 10am-12pm

Via MS Teams

### Item 10.e: Lusophone Studies

#### **WISPS – Women in Spanish and Portuguese Studies**

Following its annual conference in November 2021, WISPS also held a further event for its members: 'Academic Inclusivity and Luso-Hispanic Studies Today: an online conversation', with Tamara Walker and Catherine Boyle, chaired by Alison Ribeiro de Menezes, on 1 February 2021.

For further details, see <https://www.wispsacademic.org/>.

#### **ABIL – Association of British and Irish Lusitanists**

ABIL continue to represent and support Lusophone Studies across the UK and Ireland very effectively. Plans are afoot for the next ABIL biennial conference, which will take place at the University of Cork in September 2023. At the last ABIL conference (Newcastle, September 2021), members agreed to hold a symposium, seminar, or workshop in the fallow year, for which funding was secured from the Anglo-Portuguese Society for ECR and PGR participation (the [call for applications](#) had deadline of 25 Mar 2022).

For further details, see <https://www.abil-lusitanists.org/>.

#### **SLAS – Society for Latin American Studies**

SLAS's annual conference took place on 21-22 April 2022 at the University of Bath. For

further details, see <https://www.iberianstudies.net/>

#### **AHGBI – Association of Hispanists of Great Britain and Ireland**

AHGBI's annual conference took place on 11-13 April 2022, at the Institute of Modern Languages Research (IMLR), School of Advanced Study, University of London.

For further details, see <https://www.hispanists.org.uk/pt/>

## **TROPO-UK - Association of Teachers and Researchers of Portuguese Language**

TROPO UK have run two further informal talks of their *Tertúlias Pedagógicas* series (informal talks on pedagogy): 'O que é um error?' [What is an error?], by Pedro Marques (Camões Institute and Queen Margaret University London), 17 Feb 2022; and 'Ler imagens na sala de aula: textos multimodais na aprendizagem de PLE' [Reading images in the classroom: multimodal texts for learning Portuguese as a Foreign Language], by Miguel Moiteiro Marques (CELGA-ILTEC / Universidade Aberta, Portugal), on 21 Mar 2022. Both events were online. The latter was the last of the four-session 2021-2022 programme.

Upcoming events include a discussion on inclusive language in Portuguese. As a Romance language, gender-specific grammar is a challenging point. The event 'Todes amigas? Realidades e desafios no uso de linguagem inclusiva na aula de português' [*Todes amigas?* Realities and challenges in the use of inclusive language in the Portuguese Language class], on 17 May 2022, 6pm, online event with a specialist panel.

TROPO UK's biennial conference will take place on 17 September 2022, at the University of Cambridge.

For further details, see <https://tropouk.weebly.com/>.

## **PARSUK – Portuguese Association of Researchers and Students in the UK**

PARSUK have elected a new Executive. Although PARSUK's focus continues to be on Applied and Life Sciences, its membership and Exec increasingly represent also Portuguese-speaking PGRs and ECRs from Social Sciences and Humanities. A full plan of activities for 2022 is available from [https://www.parsuk.pt/files/ugd/c07f29\\_adbf7ce3bf6244e6ad585d7354c58cce.pdf](https://www.parsuk.pt/files/ugd/c07f29_adbf7ce3bf6244e6ad585d7354c58cce.pdf).

PARSUK also continue to run community-based programmes, such as grants to support small research experience schemes for Portuguese citizens and those from Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa. Other outreach activities include 'Humans of PARSUK' (to showcase the work of members of the association), PARSUK regional ambassadors, and a database of relevant job opportunities.

For further details, see <https://www.parsuk.pt/>.

## **ACIS - Association for Contemporary Iberian Studies**

ACIS's annual conference will take place at the Facultat de Filosofia i Lletres, Universitat de les Illes Balears, from 7-9 September 2022, with a hybrid (in-person/online) format.

For further details, see <https://www.iberianstudies.net/>

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