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Association Les Lettres Européennes

After the fall of the Wall, a new literary geography of Europe?

The purpose of our meeting on 15-16 April at the University of Lille (France) is to try to define the place of the literature of Europe in the complex landscape of unity and division which has emerged since 1989 as a result of the dramatic changes in the political (the Fall of the Berlin Wall, the enlargement of the European Union), social (the new waves of migration), and technological (the internet and its modalities) life of the Old Continent. Some literatures have been transformed because of all these changes, some have been drastically renewed whereas others, facing other horizons have carried on or developed their own independent tendencies.

Participants are invited to share their reflections on the recent literary developments in their geographical/linguistic area of expertise; their individual contributions should not exceed 15 minutes. Each presentation will be followed by questions and a discussion session at which the other participants will be invited to identify links and points of connection with their own areas of specialism, and provide relevant information and commentary as appropriate. In other words, participants will speak both as specialists in their own area of interest, and as contributors to a broader discussion which will effectively become a debate about the shape of European literature at the present time. This debate will form the basis for the preparation of a new final chapter of the forthcoming third edition of *Lettres Européennes, Histoire de la littérature européenne*, expected to appear in book form as well as in an enriched digital format in 2018.

If you want to participate, please send a mail to Pr Maryla Laurent,

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