

FRIAS Conference: *Unnatürliches Erzählen – Unnatural Narratives*

University of Freiburg, Germany, November 13 – 15, 2008

Organization: Dr. Jan Alber and Dr. Rüdiger Heinze

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**Thursday, November 13, 2008**

17:00-17:15 Opening remarks: Jan Alber, Rüdiger Heinze

17:15-18:15 *Brian Richardson (University of Maryland, USA)*

"What Is Unnatural Narrative?"

18:15-22:00 [dinner, conference warming]

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**Friday, November 14, 2008**

**a) Strange Narrative Situations**

09:15-10:00 *Alice Bell (University of Sheffield, UK)*

"How Are 'You' Involved? Exploring Second-Person Address in  
Hypertext Fiction"

10:00-10:45 *Henrik Skov Nielsen (University of Aarhus, Denmark)*

"Natural Authors, Unnatural Narration"

10:45-11:15 [coffee break]

11:15-12:00 *Rüdiger Heinze (University of Freiburg, Germany)*

"Omniscient First-Person Narrators"

12:00-14:30 [lunch break] Paradies

**b) Impossible Temporalities, Spaces, Characters, and Events**

14:30-15:15 *Per Krogh Hansen (University of Kolding, Denmark)*

"Backmasked Messages: On Reverse Narratives"

15:15-16:00 *Jeff Thoss (University of Graz, Austria)*

"Metalepsis and Unnatural Narration in Grant Morrison's *Animal Man*"

- 16:00-16:30 [coffee break]
- 16:30-17:15 *Martin Hermann (University of Freiburg, Germany)*  
 "Hollywood Goes Videogame: The Unnatural Quest in *Groundhog Day* and  
 12:01"
- 17:15-18:00 *Johannes Fehrle (University of Freiburg, Germany)*  
 "Unnatural Worlds and Unnatural Narration in Comics"
- 18:00-20:15 [dinner]
- 20:15-21:15 *Monika Fludernik (University of Freiburg, Germany)*  
 "Naturalizing the Unnatural: A View from Blending Theory"
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Saturday, November 15, 2008

c) **The Unnatural, Experientiality, and the Human**

- 09:15-10:00 *Maria Mäkelä (University of Tampere, Finland)*  
 "Narrating the Indescribable in *La Princesse de Clèves*:  
 Towards Literary Experientiality"
- 10:00-10:45 *Stefan Iversen (University of Aarhus, Denmark)*  
 "Troubled Narratives: Holocaust Questionnaires and Crises of Experientiality"
- 10:45-11:15 [coffee break]
- 11:15-12:00 *Marina Grishakova (University of Tartu, Estonia)*  
 "Redefining the Human: Frames and Stereotypes"
- 12:30-13:30 *Visit of the Freiburg Cathedral (guided tour in English)*
- 13:30-15:30 [lunch break] Pizzeria Milano am Münsterplatz

**d) Linguistic Unnaturalness, Historicity, and Narrativity**

15:30-16:15 *Andrea Moll (University of Freiburg, Germany)*

"Unnatural or Natural? Linguistic Deep Level Structures in New South Wales  
Aboriginal English"

16:15-17:00 *Jan Alber (University of Freiburg, Germany):*

"The Diachronic Development of Unnaturalness"

17:00-17:45 *Rudvan Askin (University of Freiburg, Germany)*

"What We Talk About When We Talk About Narrative – Towards a Rhizomatic  
Concept of Narrative"

18:00-20:00 [dinner]