



Journal of Romance Studies Annual Symposium 2019: *Romance Languages in a Global Context*

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Room G34, IMLR, Senate House, University of London, Malet Street, London

The Journal of Romance Studies annual symposium celebrates excellence in modern languages research with a specific focus on the romance languages. Co-ordinated by the editors of the IMLR's in-house journal published by LUP, the symposium presents cutting-edge research from researchers in Romance Studies and Modern Languages from across the UK and beyond.

The keynote speaker, **Ruth Bush** (University of Bristol), revisits the archives of two translators who worked extensively on 'classic' texts of francophone African literature – John Reed and Dorothy Blair – in order to consider contemporary translation imperatives in multilingual Senegal and Cameroon.



PROGRAMME:

14:00 **Romance Languages and Literatures in Africa**
Chair: **Hilary Owen**, University of Manchester

Emanuelle Santos, University of Birmingham: 'New words, old worlds:
World(-)literature and Portuguese-speaking Africa'

Eleanor K. Jones, University of Southampton: 'Race and the "disabled mind" in Portuguese
and British colonial southern Africa'

Benita Sampedro Vizcaya, Hofstra University (New York): 'The valences of Spanish in
contemporary African literary production'

15:30 Coffee/tea break

15:45 **Keynote Ruth Bush**, University of Bristol: 'Decolonizing Romance Languages: on the
translation imperative in African literary production'

17:00 Wine reception

All are welcome to attend this free event. Places are limited so please register in advance:

<https://modernlanguages.sas.ac.uk/events/event/19604>

The event will be followed by a wine reception