



Second Call for Papers

**Remembering Flannery O'Connor
100 Years after Her Birthday:
Transnational, Intersectional
and Multidisciplinary Approaches**

Culture and Space Series

Toruń, 25-26 March 2025
Onsite and Online Sessions

The year 2025 will mark **the centenary of Flannery O'Connor's birth (1925-1964)**. This widely acknowledged American author of Irish origin is part of not only American but also world literary heritage. For several decades, her novels, short stories, essays and letters have posed a challenge to critics, readers, editors and translators alike, not to mention common readership.

The conference will be organised into thematic sessions and round-table discussions devoted to the following subjects:

O'Connor's works across various media (drawings, paintings, film, theatre, interactive narratives)

Reception of O'Connor's works during her lifetime and since then

O'Connor's work and biography seen through contemporary literary theories

Paratextual approaches to O'Connor's works

Reconsiderations of the American Southern Gothic

O'Connor's works in art and through art

Abstract Submission:

Please, send your abstracts (ca. 200 words) followed by a short biographical note (ca. 150 words) to flanneryoconnor@umk.pl by 15 November 2024.

Please include information concerning the form of presentation: onsite or online.

We will be sending notes of proposal acceptance afterwards, no later than by 30 November 2024.

Conference Fees, Travel and Accommodation:

There is no conference fee for onsite and online speakers. Please make your own travel and accommodation arrangements if you are considering coming to Toruń. We offer our help in finding train/bus connections in Poland and hotel bookings in Toruń.

Conference Organizers:

Department of American Literature and Literary Translation, Faculty of Humanities, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

Department of History of Modern and Non-European Art, Faculty of Fine Arts, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

Conference Co-organizers:

Flannery O'Connor Society

European Network for Short Fiction Research

Patrons:

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