

Westerly Centre 2011 Symposium

The Fourteenth Biennial Symposium on Literature and Culture in the Asia-Pacific Region



Conference details

The **Registration Form** is available for downloading at:
<http://www.westerlycentre.uwa.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1727826/Symposium2011pdfForm1.pdf>

Date: 4-7 December 2011

Venue:

The venue for the symposium will be The University of Western Australia, which is situated on the banks of the Swan River, five kilometres from Perth City. Buses and taxis are readily available between the University and the city. Perth is one of the most picturesque cities in the Asia-Pacific region. The weather in Perth in December is usually sunny, with temperatures between 15 and 27 degrees celsius.

Organisers

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Theme: Asia-Pacific Literature and Culture in the Era of the Digital Revolution

The world is currently experiencing a revolution in communication which many believe to be as significant as that occasioned by the invention of the printing press. That led to the spread of literacy, the breakdown of church and state power over writing and reading and consequently of accepted philosophies and sanctioned beliefs. It is easy to forget that at the time of Gutenberg's invention, the reading of The Bible by the general population, in any language, was punishable in many European countries by death. The digital revolution affects Literature more than any other of the arts, and is creating dramatic changes in the publishing, distribution and reading of literature; some commentators believe that it will also change the writing of literature.

Papers are invited on any aspect of these issues as they appear in literature, culture, society and politics in the Asia-Pacific.

Please note: A conference of the Asia-Pacific Writing Programs will be held in the days preceding the symposium, at the same venue. If you are teaching creative writing you might well be interested in attending both events. Further details will be available shortly.