

24th Annual Carolina Conference for Romance Studies

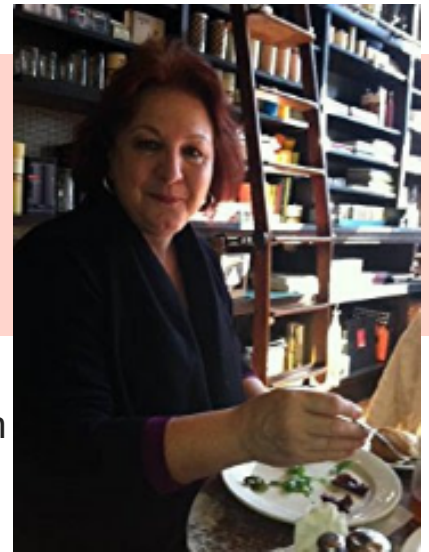
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Keynote Speaker:

Mabel Moraña

Washington University

Humanism and Biopolitics. Monsters in the Human Zoo (À propos Peter Sloterdijk)



What are the principles that supported the utopian construction of humanism and what are the connections of this project to Western Modernity? Is humanism coming to an end or are we just witnessing a resignification of the concept? How is the crisis of humanism connected to biopolitics? The talk will examine the ways in which central debates on these topics resonate in postcolonial societies, where the the pastoral project of humanism has been implemented with very specific political and social connotations. Questions related to readership, canonical repertoires, and the role of education will be discussed as well as problems related to the challenges posed to humanism from the fields of social engineering and political technology.

Friday, April 6th - 4:30-6:00

Toy Lounge, Dey Hall

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