

Seminar: Rethinking Motherhood in Twenty-First Century Theatre / Repenser la maternité dans le théâtre du 21^e siècle

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Languages: We welcome submissions in either official language but our session will be conducted primarily in English.

Langues : Nous acceptons les propositions en français ou en anglais mais notre session sera surtout menée en anglais.

We seek participants in a seminar that addresses the rethinking of motherhood in 21st-century theatre. The seminar focuses on theatre and performance that contributes to ongoing cultural conversations concerning changing concepts, imaginings, valuations, and potentials of maternity. We welcome a range of approaches from established and emerging scholars as well as theatre practitioners. Participants investigating francophone Canadian theatre are warmly invited; and while our current work emphasizes Canada, researchers with international interests are also welcome.

Potential perspectives include (but are not limited to):

Theatrical practices / theatrical cultures

Continuities: generative, sustaining, threatened

Matrilineal theatre histories

Other-mothering / community

Redefinitions of mothering

Racialized, sexualized, stereotyped maternities

LGBTQ2+ perspectives

Celebrity/publicity/privacy

Pasts/presents/futures

Process:

Participants will contribute to on-line discussion and attend the CATR/SQET conference (Montreal 25-28 May, 2020) where they will present summaries of their current research in a segment of the Working Group meeting open to all conference-goers. In the meeting's closed segment, they will participate in a prepared and organized discussion of group members' research findings; this conversation (condensed and edited) will appear in a forthcoming volume of essays. Participants are required to join CATR or SQET.

To be considered, please submit a 250-word description of your current and/or proposed research in this area, plus a 50-word biographical statement including name and affiliation.

Submissions or queries should be sent to both of the Working Group leaders:

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Submissions **by 1 February 2020.**