

**CFP:** “Writing as Resistance and Transgression: Gender, Poetics and Activism in Post-War Literature in English”

**Dates:** May 27-28, 2021 (via Zoom)

**Deadline for Submission:** April 16, 2021

**Keynote Speakers:** Professor Agnieszka Graff (University of Warsaw) and Doctor Elżbieta Klimek-Dominiak (University of Wrocław)

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When I dare to be powerful—to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid.

—Audre Lorde, Second Sex Conference, New York, 1979

The Institute of English Studies at the University of Wrocław is pleased to announce the first international student conference “Writing as Resistance and Transgression: Gender, Poetics and Activism in Post-War Literature in English,” which will be held online on May 27-28, 2021. The conference aims to bring together both undergraduate and postgraduate emerging scholars interested in researching forms of resistance in anglophone literature after World War Two. The focus of the conference is activist and transgressive literature that addresses social constructs in language and content, also related to different means of expression and styles.

We welcome proposals addressing any chosen aspect of our topic. Possible approaches might include but are not limited to:

- spaces of protest in anglophone literature
- literary representation and empowerment of the margins
- literary responses to capitalism and globalization
- autobiographical works and self-exile
- sex, gender and LGBTQ+ narratives

- representation of disabilities
- literature and censorship
- activism within academia
- postmodernism, postcolonial writing, posthumanism
- linguistic transgressions and intersectionality
- reshaped habitats in contemporary writing

### **Submission:**

Please send an abstract of maximum 300 words and a brief bio in a single Word document by April 16, 2021, to [writingasresistance.uwr@gmail.com](mailto:writingasresistance.uwr@gmail.com). We invite proposals for **20-minute presentations in English** by BA, MA and Ph.D. students. The notification of acceptance will be sent by May 1, 2021.

Each panel will be followed by a discussion. We offer a PDF conference booklet of abstracts.

Technical details will be sent to the participants before the event. Each participant will be asked to prepare a presentation in either a jpg or pptx format. The conference will not be recorded, but we encourage participants to have their camera on and to put their pronouns next to their name when entering the Zoom panel.

For more information, please visit the conference website:  
<https://writingasresistanceuwr.blogspot.com/>

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