

Édouard Glissant's Search for New Horizons of Relation

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Gilles Deleuze is renowned for demonstrating how forming emerging coexistence can involve acceptance of diversity based on heterogeneity of cojoined elements in the process of becoming. The significant difference that Deleuze makes in contemporary thinking lies in the fact that his philosophy enables the nomadic people, who recognize their roles in the minor fables produced by seers, to hope for the movement from stratification and schizophrenia of capitalism into the new world brought out of the chaotic present. While Glissant is considered to be the most Deleuzian thinker in the Francophone world, he has introduced a wide array of concepts that help us to rethink our postcolonial history in the era of globalization (i.e. mondialisation), and rapid changes emerging by way of the dualism of deterritorialization and reterritorialization. His quest to re-establish relational identity encompassing heterogeneous elements derived from different roots can be seen as the promise of diversity, rhizomatic dispersion, openness, relativity, and métissage to open doors for Otherness. With his concept 'Toute-monde' understood as an 'all-inclusive world,' Glissant re-negotiates the 'minority literatures' widespread within an archipelago of multilingualism to re-evaluate the ethnography of Relation taking shape as opposed to the English literary canon.

These critical concepts and approaches to humanism build a theory of creolization to unveil marginal, concealed histories that resist mondialisation and unification in favor of transculturation, cultural difference, totality, and the 'right to opacity.' The edited collection seeks multiple applications of Glissant's thoughts within the area of humanities highlighting his relationships with other postcolonial thinkers and poststructuralism, as well as the context of arts wherein the writer discovers enriching references to music, painting, and poetry. Thus, we aim to decipher Glissant's multidimensional fables that replace our being-in-the-world with becoming-with-the-world.

Contributions may deal with questions concerning all genres and aspects of critical theory related to Glissant, ranging from postcolonial perspectives to philosophy, anthropology, and human sciences. The subject matter thereby will develop a wide range of imaginations of métissage around the ways in which Glissant may be presented as a postmodern figure. The volume will present a 'differential space,' as Gayatri Spivak puts it, constructing a rhizome of contributions. As this multiplicity of perspectives is unfinished, the edited collection will highlight the true potential of Glissan-

tian worldmaking. Our aim is also to fulfill the gap in audiovisual culture, especially in the realm of postcolonial theory and film theory by investigating how Glissant's work contributes to postcolonial studies, philosophy, and cinema. If cinema puts in motion the development of philosophical thought in Deleuzian sense, this medium can also be harnessed to highlight Glissant's utopianism, which coexists in relational interplay with his progressive political commitments. In other words, Glissant believes that the cultural politics of the postcolonial world can only hope to achieve progressive results if multicultural values remain in the vanguard. Therefore, our objective is to expand Glissant's theoretical insights into the audiovisual culture by showing multilingual roots as "islands in an archipelago," where one can relate amidst differences in the growing world of cinema and audiovisual culture.

Possible themes (but not limited) to be addressed in the edited collection are as follows:

- Deterioritarilization and reterritorialization
- Toute-monde
- Opacity
- Relation
- Rhizome
- Minority literature
- Diversity (Victor Segalen and Édouard Glissant)
- Relativity
- Négritude
- Antillanité
- Globality (mondialité)
- Totality
- Contact of civilization according to Michel Leiris and Édouard Glissant
- Creolized environmentalism
- Creolized world-vision
- Édouard Glissant vis-à-vis Aime Césaire, Frantz Fanon ou Léopold Sédar Senghor.
- Transculturalism
- Counter-poetics as resistance
- Cinema and utopianism

Submission:

Scholars interested in the topic are invited to submit a short proposal of 300 words, and a 100-word bio to lipinski_kamil@yahoo.com and rehnuma.sazzad@yahoo.co.uk by December 15, 2023.

Authors whose proposals are accepted will be requested to submit their final versions by May 15, 2024.

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