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Call for Proposals: Interdisciplinary Seminar
Center for Cultural Analysis
Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Deadline: Monday, March 29, by 5:00 PM

Submission: 1-2 page statements to admin@cca.rutgers.edu

Dear Colleagues,

The Center for Cultural Analysis at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, invites proposals from faculty who wish to lead an advanced interdisciplinary research seminar at the CCA during the 2023-24 academic year. CCA seminars may be convened on any topic, with the proviso that the work of the group focus on a problem of major importance to the academy that is situated at an interdisciplinary intersection. For example, the seminar theme for 2021-22 is “The Commons;” for 2022-23 the theme is “Urban Scale.” The research seminar is the primary focus of the CCA’s annual activity and is led by one or two faculty from within Rutgers, at least one of whom must be located on the New Brunswick campus. The seminar is constituted by five additional faculty fellows from any campus in the Rutgers system and by five graduate fellows, as well as by two postdoctoral associates chosen from an international application pool. Faculty leaders and fellows each receive a single course release from teaching, to be taken during the year of the seminar. Graduate fellows receive a full year of funding, plus health insurance to support their dissertation work.

Seminars meet on alternate Wednesday afternoons in the main seminar room at the CCA, on the top floor of the Academic Building at 15 Seminary Place. Seminar sessions typically feature invited guests, who share pre-circulated work for discussion, and the work-in-progress of seminar members. In addition to supporting the seminar, the CCA provides funds for associated public programming (conferences and colloquia) as well as publicity and administrative support. Information about the current annual seminar and other CCA activity may be found at <http://cca.rutgers.edu>. Please direct any questions about proposals to Colin Jager at cjager@english.rutgers.edu.

Interested faculty should submit a 1-2 page description of their proposed topic for the seminar, along with their department or campus affiliation and a brief professional bio. The proposal should include a rationale for the project and a description of its interdisciplinary importance. Proposals should be addressed to the Executive Committee of the CCA and may be submitted by email to admin@cca.rutgers.edu at any time before **March 29, 2021, at 5:00 PM**. All proposals will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at its Spring meeting. Decisions will be communicated in early May.

Founded in 1986, the Center for Cultural Analysis is one of the oldest interdisciplinary research centers in the humanities and social sciences in the United States. In addition to its annual research seminar, the CCA sponsors Working Groups, offers postdoctoral fellowships, and acts as the administrative home for groups on campus devoted to interdisciplinary research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Jager", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Colin Jager
Director