

VOYAGES THAT NEVER END

NOMADIC FORMS AND TRAJECTORIES
IN MALCOLM LOWRY AND BEYOND

PROGRAMME

UNIVERSITÉ
D'ANGERS

15–16 OCTOBER 2026

MAISON DE LA
RECHERCHE
GERMAINE TILLION



Fredrik Odénus, "Fille" (2026), sculpture sur bois, ©Fredrik Odénus

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THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

9.00 : Welcome coffee

9.30 : Welcome and opening speeches

Session 1 : Across Smooth Spaces: Boundarilessness in Lowry's Works

Chair : Ludivine Bouton-Kelly (Université d'Angers)

9.45 : "The Bird's Voyage across Lowryan Country: 'a strange poem of God's mercy'"

Catherine Delesalle-Nancey (Université Jean Moulin – Lyon 3)

10.05 : "Bluer Pastures in *In Ballast to the White Sea*"

James Mellor (Freie Universität Berlin)

10.25 : "'Four Years, Almost Five': Arithmétique et nomadisme dans *Under the Volcano* de Malcolm Lowry"

Mathieu Duplay (Université Paris Cité)

10.45 : Discussion

11.15 : Coffee break

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11.30 : Keynote speech: "'Haven't to Deserve': Malcolm Lowry, (Me), and Questions of Home"

Helen Tookey (Liverpool John Moores University)

Chair : Xavier Le Brun (Université d'Angers)

12.30 : Lunch

Session 2 : Nomads In and Out of Fiction

Chair : Mathieu Duplay (Université Paris Cité)

2.30 : "The Norwegian Peregrinations of Malcolm Lowry: The Ingvald Magnus Bjørndal Trajectory"

Nigel H. Foxcroft (Independent Researcher, former Senior Lecturer at the University of Brighton) and **Nicolas Labbe** (Independent Researcher)

3.00 : "William Erikson and the House of Laruelle: Reality, Fiction, and Metafiction in Lowry's Oeuvre"

Alberto Rebollo (National Autonomous University of Mexico)

3.20 : "In and Out of the Tunnel: Aspects of Malcolm Lowry's Creative Nomadism"

Pierre Schaeffer (Université de Strasbourg)

3.40 : Discussion

4.10: Coffee break

Session 3: Walking and Psychogeography

Chair : Vanessa Guignery (ENS de Lyon)

4.30 : "The Urban Nomadism of Matthew Beaumont"

Peter D. Mathews (University of Macau)

4.50 : "'A journeyman writer': Will Self's poetics and politics of psychogeography"

Diane Gagneret (ENS de Lyon)

5.10 : Discussion

5.30 : A "Dérive" through Angers

8.00 : Dinner in Town

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Session 4 : Around or Away from Britain

Chair : Anne-Florence Quaireau (Université d'Angers)

9.15 : "Albion orbital: circumnavigations of the British coast in contemporary culture"

James Dalrymple (Université Grenoble-Alpes)

9.35 : "Rachel Cusk's *The Last Supper*: The Travelogue as Postfictional Form"

Daniel Jean (Université Paris Cité)

9.55 : "Momentary Instances, Embodied and Material Presence in Malcolm Lowry's Journeys Between Somewhere and Elsewhere"

Cian Quayle (University of Chester)

10.15 : Discussion

10.45 : Coffee break

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11.00 : Keynote speech: "Restless, Motionless. Exploring the *Intermezzo* with Malcolm Lowry"

Pascale Tollance (Université Lumière – Lyon 2)

Chair : Catherine Delesalle-Nancey (Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3)

12.00 : Closing of the Conference and lunch

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