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Research Seminar

Professor Jay Parker will give a talk with the title “Divine violence, ironic silence, and poetic justice in Conrad’s *The Secret Agent*” at 11:30am on 26 February (Friday).

The talk will explore a resonance between Joseph Conrad’s political novel *The Secret Agent* and Walter Benjamin’s Critique of Violence, and argue that Conrad draws upon literary techniques, particularly the ironic treatment of silence to explore violence, justice and ambiguity that anticipates elements of Benjamin’s essay.

Jay Parker is Assistant Professor in the English Department of the Hang Seng University of Hong Kong. He has published articles on Conrad in relation to liberalism and to justice in *Textual Practice, Law and Literature* and *The Conradian*. He was awarded the Juliet McLauchlan Prize in 2012 and the Bruce Harkness Young Scholar Award in 2015 for his research on Conrad, and is Advisory Editor for *The Conradian*. He is currently completing a book on Conrad and Liberalism.

Mark your calendar. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 972 5772 4087 (Password: 583805)

Research and Publications

Professor Ron Darvin has been appointed to the editorial board of the journal Language Awareness.

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