



Aachen Center for Cognitive and Empirical Literary Studies

ABOUT ACCELS

With its focus on cognitive and empirical approaches to literature, ACCELS presents innovative research in the Humanities. Literary reception offers routes into investigating the complex interactions between cognitive and emotional factors of comprehension, as well as the relationship between general mental dispositions and culturally specific meaning.

The ACCELS Team consists of the English Literature scholars of the Institute for English, American, and Romance Studies at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of RWTH Aachen University that share a research and teaching profile in cognitive and empirical literary studies. Professors, lecturers, PhD candidates and, of course, students work on projects that contribute individual results to the overall aim of researching the conditions, processes and effects of literary reading. We entertain close co-operations with researchers in linguistics and cognitive semiotics, and we are always open for further external co-operations.

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The center serves as an international platform for exchange among scholars studying the processes of understanding literature and other cultural artefacts on the basis of the cognitive sciences and employing a range of empirical methods. ACCELS provides a unique chance to pool the knowledge of many experts in these fields, to initiate collaborative and transdisciplinary research projects, and to thus further the development of Cognitive and Empirical Literary Studies.

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