

Cultural Studies Association 2023
Literature Working Group
CFP: Amazon & Literary Field

The Literature Working Group invites submissions for the [21st annual meeting of the Cultural Studies Association \(CSA\), June 1-4, 2023 at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.](#) We appreciate individual papers or pre-constituted panels on any topic related to cultural studies approaches to literature. Because of this year's location in Northern Virginia, the home of Amazon's HQ2, the Working Group is particularly interested in submissions that investigate the impact of Amazon on the literary field.

In his recent book *Everything and Less: The Novel in the Age of Amazon* (Verso 2021), literary historian Mark McGurl demonstrates the many ways that Amazon has disrupted the literary field since its origins as a bookstore and as a maker of e-readers. Affecting everything from the status of the author, definition of genres, and literary value, Amazon has transformed fiction for the 21st century. McGurl suggests that Amazonification indicates the “end of literature” as a distinct cultural form while also revealing the “end”—as in the purpose of—literature as a commodity form. In keeping with the conference theme of Conclusions, the CSA Literature Working Group is interested in submissions that investigate the interplay of literature and the current moment of monopolistic-technological capitalism personified by Amazon. Submissions (250 w) are not limited to Amazon but may address all aspects of literature affected by technology, neoliberalization, and consolidation such as

Genre

Epic forms

Poetics

Publishing

The Novel & Literary History

Literary Fields

Eroticas

Autofiction

Platforms & Literacies
Information theory
Commodity and Form
Literary Award Culture
Algorithmic Literature
Multinational literature
Postcolonial Electronic Literature
Romance
Literary Fiction
Race & Direct Fiction
Multilingualism
Translation
Fiction & Service Economy
Social Media Fictions/Poetics
Responses to *Everything and Less*

Submit Proposals at the [2023 CSA Conference page](#)

Deadline for submissions is January 7, 2023

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- Choose the appropriate Working Group (Literature) from the drop-down menu at the bottom of the submission page.

Please direct any questions you may have about the Literature Working Group CFP to its chairs:

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