

Carol Ann Duffy: the legacy of the Laureateship

**Thursday 5 - Friday 6 September 2019
The British Academy, London**

Convenor:

Dr Mari Hughes-Edwards, Edge Hill University



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Day 1: Thursday 5 September 2019

09:00 *Registration and refreshments*

09:30 Introduction

Session 1: Carol Ann Duffy: the literary legacy

Chair: Professor Deryn Rees Jones (University of Liverpool)

Dr Mari Hughes-Edwards (Edge Hill University)

'... we cannot pray': the faithful faithless Laureate

Dr Angelica Michelis (Manchester Metropolitan University)

'Now I am alien': foreignness and the poetry of Carol Ann Duffy

Refreshments

Katie Ailes (University of Strathclyde)

Duffy's circumlocutions of home: her Scottish 'Somewhen'

Discussion

12:30 *Lunch*

Session 2: Carol Ann Duffy: the political legacy

Chair: Dr David Alderson (University of Manchester)

Dr Niamh Downing (Sheffield Hallam University)

Unmuting the oceans: voicing the other and speaking for the tribe in Carol Ann Duffy's poetics

Dr Ozlem Aydin Öztürk (Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey)

Poetry as national art: politics and Carol Ann Duffy's Laureate poems

Refreshments

Dr Aidan Byrne (University of Wolverhampton)

'Education for Leisure': Carol Ann Duffy, class and the precariat

16:40 Discussion

17:00 End of first day of conference

Day 2: Friday 6 September 2019

- 09:30 *Registration and refreshments*
- 10:00 **Session 3: Carol Ann Duffy: the female, feminist and queer legacy**
Chair: Dr Angelica Michelis (Manchester Metropolitan University)
- Dr Emma Deeks (Birkdale High School Sefton LEA)
'Mrs Schofield's G.C.S.E.', Carol Ann Duffy and the poetry of educational inclusion
- Dr David Alderson (University of Manchester)
Official bodies: Carol Ann Duffy and the politics and poetics of queer assimilation
- Refreshments*
- Professor Alice Entwistle (University of South Wales)
Rapture and reprisal: sex, text and intertext
- Discussion
- 12:35 *Lunch*
- 13:30 **Session 4: Panel debate: the Laureateship and the future of British poetry**
Chair: Dr Mari Hughes-Edwards (Edge Hill University)
- Anthony Anaxagorou (Outspoken Press)
Poetry and activism
- Judith Palmer (The Poetry Society)
Poetry, politics and public roles
- Professor Deryn Rees Jones (University of Liverpool)
Poetic estates: poetry and the poet in the age of austerity
- Peter Straus (Rogers, Coleridge and White)
The value of poetry
- Michael Woods (Poet)
What it is like in words
- Full conference debate
- 16:30 *Refreshments*
- 17:00 End of conference