



“Only connect ...”

First International Conference of the Albanian Society for the Study of English

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Call for papers

Deadline for proposals: 31 March 2011

“Only connect! That was the whole of her sermon. Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted, and human love will be seen at its height. Live in fragments no longer. Only connect, and the beast and the monk, robbed of the isolation that is life to either, will die.”

Howards End, E. M. Forster

“Only connect ...” the epigraph to Forster’s novel *Howards End* was to become his motto not only in this book but also in his fiction. Although contrasts are central to his fiction, Forster goes in search of a point of connection between different worlds, classes, cultures values and ideas. The conference uses Forster’s epigraph as a point of departure for interesting papers that seek to explore the notion of connection in literature, culture and language.

Being the first ASSE International Conference “Only connect...” is also conceived as a slogan, which aims to bring together scholars in English and American Studies from Albania and abroad.

Papers are welcomed from but are not limited to:

- British and Commonwealth Literature
- American Literature
- Literary Theory
- Literary Criticism
- Cultural Studies
- Discourse Analysis
- Pragmatics
- Linguistics
- Semiotics
- Translation Studies

The conference language is English. All papers will be considered for publication in the journal *in esse: English Studies in Albania*. Further information is available on our conference website: <http://www.assenglish.org/onlyconnect/>

Please send your abstracts (about 250 words) for papers (20 min) as an MS word attachment to the following Email-address by 31 March 2011:

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Abstracts should include:

1. title of paper
2. name and affiliation
3. e-mail address
4. section
5. 3-5 keywords



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