

# POSSIBILITIES AND PERSPECTIVES A CONFERENCE ON COMICS

**12:00-18:00 on 21/11/2009 at Alea Casino Conference Rooms, Leeds**

As the popularity and visibility of the medium of comics (including bande dessinée, manga etc.) continues to grow in the wake of cinematic successes such as *The Dark Knight* and small screen coverage like the BBC's 'Comics Britannia' season, comics are also being recognised more widely than ever as an exciting and vibrant field for academic study. As academic departments around the world are coming to accept comics into their research programmes and offer related modules in their syllabuses, 'Possibilities and Perspectives' will offer an introduction to academic approaches to comics as well as indicating the vast potential the medium has for academia as a whole.

Subjects for discussion might include (but are not limited to):

The location(s) and accessibility of comics in academia

Comics and (inter)disciplinarity

Methods of reading and studying comics

The development and applications of canons

Comics and other media

The relationships between comics, bande dessinée and manga etc.

The accessibility and applications of comics in the broader educational environment (e.g. schools, libraries etc.)

(Inter)national approaches to comics

Proposals of 250 words are invited for talks of 15-20 minutes, and should be emailed to Ian Hague (Department of History, University of Chichester) at [I.Hague@chi.ac.uk](mailto:I.Hague@chi.ac.uk). The deadline for submission is 01/08/2009 and notification of acceptance will be emailed by or before 01/09/2009. Conference entry will be included in the purchase of a ticket to Thought Bubble's One Day Convention (£8), but this fee will be waived for all speakers.

'**Possibilities and Perspectives**' will take place at the Alea Casino in Leeds, near the Royal Armouries (a 30 second walk from the Thought Bubble Convention venue, Saviles Hall). For a map and directions, visit: [www.aleacasinos.com/alea/leeds/location.php](http://www.aleacasinos.com/alea/leeds/location.php).

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