

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**LITERARY STUDIES IN OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING**

**Ierapetra, Greece, 7-9 April 2006**

The research team **openLit** (<http://www.openlit.gr>), which operates under the auspices of the School of Humanities, The Hellenic Open University, is pleased to announce an International Conference on “Literary Studies in Open and Distance Learning University Programs”.

This conference aims to foster dialogue among literature scholars from Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Universities and Programs around the world, and will focus on the particularities of literary studies in ODL, as they are reflected in curriculum building, educational methods and processes, and especially the planning, writing and evaluation of educational material (printed, electronic and audiovisual). Papers are expected to address their topic from a critical viewpoint, rather than offer presentations of educational material or processes. Among the issues which are expected to be raised at the conference are the following:

- Comparison of literary studies programs in different ODL systems
- Making sense of literary texts in ODL
- Uses of hypertext and other digital tools in ODL literary studies
- Literary theory and ODL practices
- ODL programs and literary canons
- Books and study guides for ODL literary studies
- Electronic and audiovisual material for ODL literary studies
- Resources for ODL concerning particular themes, genres, or periods

The conference is open to both traditional and virtual ODL methods and will be held entirely in English. Extended versions of selected conference papers are expected to be published as a volume of essays (initially in CD-Rom format and subsequently in print).

The conference will be held in the city of Ierapetra, in southern Crete, from **7-9 April, 2006**, and is sponsored by the Municipality of Ierapetra.

Abstracts of around 250 words of papers not lasting longer than twenty minutes in delivery should reach the organisers **by October 30, 2005**. All submissions will be reviewed anonymously by members of the conference academic committee and authors will be notified **by December 15, 2005**. Please visit the conference webpage at <http://www.openlit.gr> for further details and announcements. We are happy to accept enquiries and abstracts via email to [openlit@eap.gr](mailto:openlit@eap.gr)

There will be no fee for participation or attendance at the conference.

**Conference Academic Committee:**

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Laura Borràs Castanyer (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)  
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<http://www.ierapetra.net/>  
<http://www.interkriti.gr/ierapetra/town/index.html>