

Call for papers

Consequences of Wagner

CESEM

Lisbon, Portugal, 26-28 November 2009

Keynote speakers to include:

John Deathridge, King's College, London

Albrecht Riethmüller, Freie Universität, Berlin

William Weber, California State University

CESEM (the Centro de Estudos de Sociologia e Estética Musical, <http://www2.fcsh.unl.pt/cesem/>), a research unit at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal), is to host an international Conference on the theme 'Consequences of Wagner', to mark the 100th anniversary of the first staging of Wagner's *Ring* in Portugal. The Conference venue will be the very theatre where these historical performances took place: the Teatro Nacional de S. Carlos (Lisbon Opera House).

The Conference forms part of an ongoing research project funded by the FCT (Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology), and its focus, as implied in the title, is the overall impact of Richard Wagner's works and ideas on Western culture, with a particular emphasis on the movements and phenomena (the 'consequences') that could be said to have been triggered off by Wagner even though they might not necessarily fall under the heading of 'Wagner reception studies' in the strict sense.

We are particularly (but not exclusively) interested in topics such as the theory, aesthetics and history of opera staging and performance, the status of music and music drama in *fin-de-siècle* culture, Wagner and modernism, eroticism and sexuality, post-Wagnerian compositional techniques and musical styles, the appropriation of Wagner by artists from different media and nationalities, the repercussions of 'the case of Wagner' in historiography, philosophy, politics and popular culture, Wagner as myth and the wider implications of Wagnerism and anti-Wagnerism.

The official language of the Conference will be English. A selection of papers will be considered for publication in book form.

We invite scholars from various disciplines to contribute to this international Conference. Please send abstracts (max. 300 words) for 20-minute papers (to be followed by 10 minutes' discussion), in English, plus a short biographical note, to the Conference organizers **no later than 30 June 2009**:

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Notification of acceptance will be given by 20 July 2009. The Organization is unable to cover any expenses, but it may be able to help with finding accommodation at special rates.

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