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2010 Biennial European Association for American Studies (EAAS) Conference

On March 26-29, 2010 the European Association for American Studies (EAAS) held its 2010 Biennial Conference at Trinity College and University College Dublin, Ireland on the theme “Forever Young” The Changing Images of America.” The conference was attended by over 250 scholars, representing over twenty American Studies associations from all over Europe. There were 160 papers, spread over twenty-five workshops, on subjects as diverse as America and technology, the American South, youth in American cinema, and Chicano art and culture. Turkey was represented by six members of the American Studies Association of Turkey (ASAT): Lawrence Goodheart (Fulbright Scholar, Hacettepe University), Gülriz Büken (President, ASAT), Meldan Tanrısal (Hacettepe University), Tanfer Emin Tunç (Hacettepe University; Secretary, ASAT), Erik Mortenson (Koç University), and Özge Özbek (Hacettepe University). Their conference papers covered a broad range of topics including Chinese American literature, the American West, Native American art, antebellum American youth culture, the Beat Movement, and the Turkish perception of John F. Kennedy.

The 2010 EAAS Conference’s Keynote Lectures were: “Of Young’s Images: America, Changing Forever,” which was delivered by JoAnne Mancini of the National University of Ireland; “‘Masters of War’—Forever,” by Greil Marcus, a music journalist and cultural critic from San Francisco, California; and “Facing Whiteness: The Perdurability of ‘Race’ in US Writing,” by Susan Castillo, from Kings College, London. Three parallel lectures were also delivered on youth and the American War of Independence; American retirement communities; and early Nineteenth-Century discourses of youth and cultural identity. The conference also included a number of notable events such as a reception hosted by the Clinton Institute for American Studies at University College, Dublin; shop talks on Graduate Studies, Women’s Studies, American History and Literature; and a roundtable discussion on the future of American Studies in Europe. For more information about EAAS, their conferences, and other activities, and please consult: www.eaas.eu

The next EAAS conference will be held in Turkey in 2012, and will mark the first time ASAT is hosting the event. We encourage all scholars who are interested in participating in

the EAAS conference in 2012 to join ASAT, and submit workshop and/or paper proposals in 2011. Membership in ASAT is open to all Turkish residents (irrespective of nationality) and is a prerequisite to participating in EAAS events. For more information about ASAT activities and membership, please consult: <http://simplifyurl.com/4b0> or, e-mail Tanfer Emin Tunç (ASAT Secretary) at asat2007@gmail.com.

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