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Comparative History of Literature in European
Languages (CHLEL)

Small Literatures in Europe: Definition, Concepts, Typology, and Methods for Comparative Study

PROGRAMME

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Conveners

Prof Dr Jeanne E. Glesener, University of Luxembourg

Prof Dr Benedikts Kalnačs, University of Latvia

Prof Dr Marko Juvan, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences

Thursday, March 19, 2026

- 09:00** **Welcome & Introduction**
Jeanne E. Glesener, Marko Juvan & Benedikts Kalnačs
- 09:30** **Andrei Terian**, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu
What is a Small / Minor Literature? Towards a Possible Morphology
- 10:15** **Miloš Řezník**, Chemnitz University of Technology
Great Cultures from Small Literatures? Peripheral Traditions and National Style in Central Europe around 1900
- 11:00** Coffee break
- 11:30** **Galin Tihanov**, Queen Mary University, London
Integrating “Small Literatures” Into World Literature: Reflections on Gachev’s Work
- 12:15** **Marko Juvan**, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences
Literature at the European Margins: Claiming World Agency for Small Nations
- 13:00** Lunch break
- 14:15** **Jaume Subirana**, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Not so Small Literatures in Border Spaces: The Catalan Case
- 14:45** **Astradur Eysteinnsson**, University of Iceland
Positioning Iceland: Small Nation, Longstanding Literature, Wandering Island
- 15:30** Coffee break
- 16:00** **Saija Isomaa & Viola Parente-Capkova**, University of Turku
Project Presentation: Digital History of Literature in Finland
- 16:45** **Benedikts Kalnačs, Marko Juvan & Jeanne E. Glesener**
Workshop: CHLEL Publication Project “Comparative History of Small Literatures in Europe”
- 19:30** Conference Dinner

Friday, March 20, 2026

- 09:00** **Petra James**, Université Libre de Bruxelles
Project Presentation: Central European Reception of Belgian Literature
- 09:45** **Anja van de Pol-Tegge**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Belgian Small Literatures: Characteristics, Structures and Interdependencies
- 10:30** Coffee break
- 11:00** **Ausra Jurgutiene & Karolina Bagdone**, Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore
Can a Common European Identity unite Large and Small Literatures?
- 11:45** **Josiane Mamo**, University of Glasgow
Maltese Literature: On *Lacunae* and *Limina* Towards Developing a European Literary Framework
- 12:30** Lunch break
- 13:30** **Liina Iukas**, University of Tartu
Europe of Small Literatures, with Estonian Literature among Them: An Attempt at a Typology
- 14:15** Closing Discussion, Coffee & Goodbye



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