

Ph.D. in Literature at the  
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# WELTLITERATUR: CROSSING BOUNDARIES

An Interdisciplinary Conference on World Literature

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Professor David Damrosch**

Chair of Literature and World Literature, Harvard University

“The Voyage Out: World Literature as Alternative Discourse”

6:00 PM, McKenna Hall Auditorium

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Sponsored by the Ph.D. in Literature Program and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at the University of Notre Dame, “*Weltliteratur: Crossing Boundaries*,” draws its inspiration from Goethe’s idea of *Weltliteratur*: “National literature is now a rather unmeaning term; the epoch of world literature is at hand, and everyone must strive to hasten its approach.”

This opportunity to connect with scholars from around the United States and the globe is a tribute to the Ph.D. in Literature Program’s objective to encourage and develop research on the place of World Literature. The conference - dedicated to considering literature as a space that extends beyond historical, linguistic, and traditional disciplinary boundaries - will include the following panels:

MULTIPLICITY AND THE TRANSNATIONAL TEXT  
CROSS-CULTURAL ADAPTATION  
PLURILINGUALISM  
TRANSLATING REALITY

INTERDISCIPLINARY READING  
BEYOND THE BOOK: ALTERNATIVE DISCOURSES  
THEORIZING WELTLITERATUR  
THE FUTURE OF LITERARY STUDIES

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