

SRN SCREENWRITING RESEARCH NETWORK

Welcome to the Screenwriting Research Network newsletter for August 2021 . We aim to keep you updated with events around the network and in the world of screenwriting research.

SRN Research Seminar Series Online 31 Aug - 17 Sept 2021

- It's the countdown to the first online SRN Research Seminar Series - an inspiring program hosted and organised by Paolo Russo, Oxford Brookes. Thank you Paolo!
- Check out the conference website: <https://srn2020.com/>. Highlights include:
- Industry Keynote. "Pushing the Boundaries between Industry and Academia". In Conversation with Elizabeth Kilgarriff, Founder and CEO of Firebird Pictures, formerly Senior Commissioning Editor of BBC Drama, on Friday 3 Sept 2 via Zoom
- Academic Keynote. "The Portability of Character" with Murray Smith, Professor of Film and co-director of the Aesthetics Research Centre, University of Kent (UK), on Wednesday 8 Sept via Zoom
- Live Panels by timezone via Zoom: Tuesday 31 August, Friday 3 September, Wednesday 8 September, Monday 13 September, Friday 17 September, 2021
- Pre-recorded paper presentations to view online from late July 2021
- AGM, EC Elections, Presentation of SRN 2022 Conference Vienna, Mon 13 Sept
- SRN Awards, Round Table and After Party, Friday 17 September 2021
- Sessions for Working Groups, Networking, Project Pitching
- Online Happy Hours at the end of many live sessions

More information:



We welcome contributions and feedback.
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SRN workshops, resources and date claimer

- 'thendofwords Screenwriting Mentorship' is a 6 month program designed to develop the Screenwriting and Idea generation abilities of an emerging young (18-30) screenwriter from a disadvantaged background with a connection to the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria (Australia). The 'Program' will focus on development of the Mentees' screenwriting and story idea generation and development skills for the creation of written works for pitching, publication and production. Delivered by Screenwriter, Director, Producer and Educator, Sky Crompton, all sessions will be conducted via Zoom. EOI's by 15 August to: thendofwords@protonmail.com for Sept 2021 start.
- 'A 30-minute recorded talk of how language is used in television series, based on the book, *Language and Television series* (Bednarek 2018). Now available via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2-3r7vD1Qo>
- A 4-page tip sheet on writing dialogue for TV series can be found at: https://www.academia.edu/38208058/_2019_WRITING_DIALOGUE_FOR_TV_SERIES_A_SCRIPTWRITING_TIP_SHEET
- Date Claimer: the SRN Vienna conference 2022 will take place September 22-24, 2022

Recent publications of note

Kath Dooley (2021) ***Cinematic Virtual Reality: A Critical Study of 21st Century Approaches and Practices***. Explores the challenges and opportunities for both practitioners and viewers offered by the immersive 360-degree storytelling form. It interrogates four key concepts: immersion, presence, embodiment and proximity, through an analysis of a range of innovative case studies and focuses on cinematic virtual reality (CVR) format which has surged in popularity in recent years due to the release of affordable high quality omnidirectional (360°) cameras and consumer grade HMDs. <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783030721466>

Anthony Mullins (2021) ***Beyond the Hero's Journey***. BAFTA award-winning screenwriter Anthony Mullins presents an accessible, versatile and highly visual alternative to writing that dramatically expands the range of narratives open to writers, both emerging and experienced. It looks at films including *Lady Bird*, *The Social Network*, *A Fantastic Woman*, *Mulholland Drive* and *Inside Llewyn Davis* to teach the ins and outs of writing for the screen through identifying and taking control of character arcs. This book is for every writer who has felt frustrated by the neat confines of writing guides and shows how to tell more complex, intricate and authentic stories. <https://www.booktopia.com.au/beyond-the-hero-s-journey-anthony-mullins/book/9781742236995.html>

