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New Challenges, New Opportunities



What has transnational American Studies achieved as an interdisciplinary field in the past twenty years since Shelley Fisher Fishkin first articulated the transnational turn in in her 2004 presidential address to the American Studies Association in Atlanta, Georgia? How has it transformed American Studies in terms of methodology, periodization, and geographical location? How do we employ its critical framework to investigate literary/cultural productions/phenomena on a global scale? What does transnational American Studies mean today when isolationist ideologies are gaining ascendance in the US and China? In what ways has globalization been synonymous with Americanization? Why will transnational American Studies continue to matter in the eras of Covid 19, climate change, and Cold War 2.0?



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