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## ExπRE: Going Off in Post-Millennial North-American Literature and Culture

December 1-2, 2022

### Call for papers

Department of English and American Studies at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin and Department of American Literature and Culture at The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin are pleased to announce the third ExRe(y) conference. A two-day international conference “ExπRE: Going Off in Post-Millennial North-American Literature and Culture” will be held online on December 1-2, 2022.

We invite proposals for papers and panels that focus on the topic of the (broadly understood) expiration and waning in American and Canadian literature and culture of the last two decades.

#### **Topics may include, but are not limited to the following:**

- time and passing
  - ends and resolutions (break-ups, disintegration, cliffhangers, happy endings, closure, points of no return)
  - illness, aging, death
  - end-of-the-world narratives/scenarios
  - regress, ruin, decay
  - waning, fading, and effacement (of hopes, memories, scars, power, confidence, narratives, boundaries, divisions)
  - failure and disappointment
  - trends and fashion
  - validity, legal status, rights
  - trash, debris, and the poetics of waste
  - things that go off (food, alarms, bombs)
  - adaptations, remakes, golden oldies, Netflix cancellations
- and**
- the many faces of  $\pi$  (irrationality, transcendence, infinity, bye-bye, Miss American Pie)

**Confirmed plenary speakers:**

Prof. Caren Irr (Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, USA)

Prof. Aneta Dybska (University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland)

For the conference publication we are pleased to announce a special issue of a peer-reviewed open access academic journal *Roczniki Humanistyczne* (2024), indexed, among others, in Web of Science and ERIH Plus.

Titled abstracts of up to 250 words should be sent to [exreyconference@gmail.com](mailto:exreyconference@gmail.com) by **31 August 2022**. All submissions must include a 100-word biographical statement.

The conference will be held online via MS Teams. The conference fee is 150PLN/35€.

Further information is available on the conference website at [www.exrey.umcs.lublin.pl](http://www.exrey.umcs.lublin.pl).

