

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THEATRE RESEARCH 2017 SAO PAULO: WORKING GROUP
INITIAL MEETING: PUPPETRY AND OBJECT THEATRE**



TUESDAY 11TH JULY AT IFTR UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO 2 - 3.30 PM

Academic research into puppetry and object theatre is growing internationally as this becomes an increasingly respected, valuable and flexible mode of performance capable of crossing disciplinary boundaries and expressing multiple ideas, processes and concerns. The proposal to set up a new working group seeks to support and encourage high-level, in-depth and rigorous research in this area, and also to encourage young and emerging scholars in the realm of puppetry and object theatre. We would like to develop connections, collaborations and liaisons which will arise as a result of having a network of researchers in contact with each other over the course of the year with a focused sharing of research each year; it is hoped that this will give rise to more international and collaborative projects, including new publications, books, journal articles and practice-based projects. We also believe that the chance for puppetry scholars to meet in a forum which crosses disciplines will bring together people from varied research backgrounds, leading to greater interdisciplinary approaches and shared projects.

This initial pilot meeting will be open to all interested in the proposed working group. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested in the working group, or for any other queries, please email: research@unima.org

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