

Nicanor Parra @ 100

International Anti-Conference Pro Parra

Cardiff University (Wales, UK)

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Keynote Speakers:

Prof María Ángeles Pérez (Universidad de Salamanca)

Prof Federico Schopf (Universidad de Chile, Santiago)

Prof César Cuadra (Universidad de Chile, Santiago)

Prof William Rowe (Birkbeck, University of London)

It is now six decades since Nicanor Parra published *Poemas y antipoemas* (1954). Antipoetry's impact has been substantial, extending far beyond the boundaries of Chile and Latin America. Perhaps the most visible sign of this impact is the popularity of the *anti*-paradigm itself. A Chilean website, for example, celebrates Parra's iconoclastic stance in its title "web&antiweb"; a biography of Nicanor Parra is subtitled "antibiografía"; a conference in Chile in 2001 used "Antiparra Productions" in its title; Parra himself suggested that the English translations in a 2004 anthology of his poetry be called "anti-translations"; and a recent round table on Parra in Madrid was publicised as "anti-diálogos". All of these labels mark a playful distance from established discursive practices without ceasing to be part of them. As Parra himself put it, "la esencia de la antipoesía es la contradicción. Surge del choque de dos contrarios", neither one of which, however, is abolished in the process.

We invite proposals for 20-minute papers on any aspect of Nicanor Parra's wide-ranging work as a poet, visual artist and translator, including its reception outside the Spanish-speaking world. Papers that link Parra's antipoetry to other forms of "antiliterature" are also welcomed.

Papers may be presented in English or Spanish. The organisers will make arrangements for a selection of papers to be published.

To propose a paper, please e-mail an abstract of no more than 300 words to ProParra@cardiff.ac.uk by **Monday 30 June 2014**. Include the title of your paper, your name, academic title and institutional affiliation. Please submit your proposal as an attachment in Rich Text Format (*.rtf). We will notify you by 21 July if your proposed paper is accepted for the conference. Subsequent circulars will include details regarding conference fees, travel to Cardiff and accommodation options.

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