Guide to the University of California, Irvine, International Center for Humanistic Discourses records MS.C.021

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**Abstract:** This collection includes records for the operation of the International Center for Humanistic Discourses at the University of California, Irvine in the 1990s. Forms of materials include published papers, conference summaries, conference transcripts, correspondence, conference planning papers, the Humboldt grant proposal, member rosters, audio cassette recordings, photographs, and one VHS.  
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**Historical Background**  
The International Center for Humanistic Discourses at the University of California, Irvine, was created to study "the cultural function of the humanistic discourses and, more particularly, the constitutive contribution of the arts to the formation of culture." ICHD was established by a grant from the Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation with matching support from UC Irvine. Principal investigators were Murray Krieger and Wolfgang Iser, but members of the center included Hazard Adams, Ernst Behler, Hendrik Birus, Jacques Derrida, J. Hillis Miller, K. Ludwig Pfeiffer, Bill Readings, Pauline Yu, and Wang Ching-hsien.  
ICHD organized the The International Conference on Humanistic Discourses, held in 1994 (April 3-8) at UC Irvine, 1995 at UC Irvine, 1996 (September 16-20) in Munich, 1997 (October 5-11) in Seattle, and 1999 (April 7-9) at UC Irvine. Papers from the 1994, 1995, and 1996 conferences were published in the online journal *Surfaces* (University of Montreal).  
**Scope and Content**  
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**Arrangement**  
This collection is arranged in the following three series:  
1. Planning and conference material, circa 1990-2005 (bulk circa 1994-1996), 1.5 linear feet  
2. Conference recordings and transcripts, 1993-2009, 1 linear foot  
3. Publications, 1993-2009, 0.4 linear foot
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Critical theory -- Audio-visual aids.
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- Physical Description: 1.5 Linear Feet
- Language of Material: English.
- Scope and Content Summary
  This series is composed of planning and conference materials from the International Center for Humanistic Discourse at University of California, Irvine. This includes participant papers, conference schedules, correspondence, CVs, summary of statements, and some photos from various ICHD conferences, circa 1990-2005.
- Arrangement
  This series is arranged chronologically.

Conference recordings and transcripts Series 2. circa 1993-1999
- Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet
- Language of Material: English.
- Scope and Content Summary
  This series is composed of 73 cassette tapes, 2 floppy disks, and 1 VHS as well as typed transcripts, all pertaining to The International Center for Humanistic Discourses, circa 1993-1999.
- Arrangement
  This series is arranged in two subseries, each subseries is arranged chronologically.

- Physical Description: 0.5 Linear Feet
- Language of Material: English.

Transcripts Subseries 2.2. circa 1993-1999
- Physical Description: 0.5 Linear Feet
- Language of Material: English.

- Physical Description: 0.4 Linear Feet
- Language of Material: English.
- Scope and Content Summary
  This series is composed of published papers written by members of the International Center of Humanistic Discourses, circa 1993-1999 as well as papers from the 1994, 1995, and 1996 conferences, which were published in the online journal, Surfaces.
- Arrangement
  This series is arranged in two subseries, each subseries is arranged chronologically.

Published papers Subseries 3.1. circa 1991-1993
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