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Roundtable: “Literary Journalism: Borders and Boundaries”
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As behooves a seminar offered at an international scholarly congress to be held in Istanbul—the intellectual, sociocultural, religious, and geopolitical crossroads between East and West for almost half a millennium—the proposed session will focus on the nature and role of literary journalism, a form of nonfiction prose perhaps best understood as the conceptual intersection of literature and journalism. Since the border between journalism and literature has proven to be a lightly guarded frontier, of special interest will be cross-cultural aspects of the genre, with particular emphasis on how various representations (both in the form of authors and editors, as well as individual works and national traditions) may or may not influence and prove of use when displaced or appropriated. The resulting intellectual tension can be viewed as a key aspect of the discipline—and one of many the seminar hopes to illuminate.

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