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Research Abstract

The aim of this study for two years has been to analyze the interactive processes of the authors's writing and the construction of their subjectivities in the English Renaissance and consider how the social and cultural environments around them affected these processes.

In the first year, I made an effort to collect and analyze the primary and secondary sources for the the research of the social and cultural circumstances surrounding Shakespeare and his contemporaneous authors, especially the materials related to the complex interactions of religion, politics and theater.

In the second year, my central concern has been to elucidate in a more concrete way the processes through which the writers in the English Renaissance constructed themselves by way of composing their works, and shed a light to the social and cultural factors which influenced these intertwined processes in various ways.

I took up Shakespeare's King John for consideration, and comparing it with anonymous The Troublesome Reign of King John which is considered to be the main model of Shakespeare's play, I researched the situations he was placed in in the mid 1590s and the problems he was faced with. On the other hand, I traced the biographical facts in his youth and suggested several crises he had experienced then at home, especially in his relation with his father and mother and the traumas they had caused in his mind. I then investigated how he confronted and surmounted these problems and traumas through composing King John and managed to construct his masculine identity as a writer. In this way, I suggested a new way to combine the biographical studies on writers and the critical researches of their works.

Research Products (3 results)

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