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### **Cultural Studies and Institution-Building**

Cultural Studies accords a great deal of importance to local contexts, both as objects of study in their own right and as the medium in which effective practices in cultural politics need to be conceived. At the same time, Cultural Studies has developed internationally as a dialogue between and across diverse locales, with the *Crossroads in Cultural Studies* conferences acting as a convergence space for reflecting on this diversity. This spotlight will focus on the role of institution-building in the contested emergence of Cultural Studies as discipline and as a field of practice, in particular on new challenges and issues arising in different institutional situations. While it is neither possible nor desirable to give a global overview of institutional work in Cultural Studies, the session will bring together scholars experienced in creating new places for such work to reflect on the difficulties and possibilities of institutional space.