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‘London in Love’

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Conference Programme

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Deller Hall: basement
Room G35: ground floor
Chancellor’s Hall and Court Room: 1st floor
Rooms 243 and 246: 2nd floor
Room 349: 3rd floor

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Informal gatherings will be in the Marquis Cornwallis, 31 Marchmont Street, Bloomsbury, London, WC1N 1AP

The venue for the conference dinner is Antalya, 103-105 Southampton Row, WC1B 4HH.
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- Martina Bilá (Masaryk University, Czech Republic) - Portrayal of London in the Private Writings of Virginia Woolf
- Shinjini Chattopadhyay (Jadavpur University) - The Question Concerning the Automobile: The Motor Car and London in Mrs. Dalloway

### Manufacturing Womanhood in Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century London
**Room 349**

*Chair: Adele Lee (University of Greenwich)*

- Somi Ahn (Texas A&M University, USA) - The Metropolis and the Female Education in Mary Wollstonecraft’s *Original Stories from Real Life*
- Shannon Dullard (University of Alabama, USA) - Marketable Feminism and Marriage in Mary Astell’s *A Serious Proposal to the Ladies*
- Emily Derbyshire (University of Bristol) - River Spaces and Translated Bodies in Early Modern City Comedy
- Patricia Rodrigues (University of Lisbon, Portugal) - “A Thoroughly Generous Young Man”: Clarence Hervey’s quest for the perfect wife in Maria Edgeworth’s *Belinda*

### Hampstead Unbound
**Room G35**

*Chair: Nicholas Bentley (Keele University)*

- Rebecca Mills (Plymouth University) - “Sanctuary in Hampstead”: Structures of Desire and Anxiety in Stella Gibbons’s *Westwood* (1946) and *Here Be Dragons* (1956)
- Janice Morphet (University College London) - Zones of transition: displacement and its effects on older women on London in the fiction of Lettice Cooper and Stella Gibbons
- Rachael Cox (University of Gloucestershire) - A Shoebox of One’s Own - Virginia Woolf: building feminist discourse on the foundations of modernist architecture in Hampstead
Walking Texts: Rootless and Dislocated Voices in London Literature  

Chair: Patrick Fessenbecker (Bilkent University)

- Kyle Grimes (University of Alabama, USA) - The Love of Nature/The Nature of Love: Nature Writing and the Making of Romantic London
- Adam Hansen (Northumbria University) - London, 1823: Charles Dickens and the Vagabond Savage
- Radmila Nastic (University of Kragujevac, Serbia) - Tramping In London And The Love Of Freedom

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- Thomas Hothem (University of California, USA) - The Romance of Form and the Production of Space: Thomas Malton’s 1792 *Picturesque Tour through the Cities of London and Westminster*
- Peter Coles (Goldsmiths, University of London) - Fountain Court: hiding from the *bain de multitude*
- Sue Schaper (College of Idaho, USA) - In Love with London: London Life Writing and the Twenty-first Century Grand Tour

Love's Revolutionary Road  

Chair: Elena Nistor (Institute of English Studies, University of London)

- Simon Goulding (Independent) - Revolution in the Head: The Start of ‘Spare Rib’ as Women Move to the Front
- Adrian Chapman (Florida State University London Centre) - “Look Around You Brother and Sister”: The Angry Brigade and its Literary Afterlives
- Joseph Ronan (University of Sussex) - ‘The Fucking Future’: Queer/Punk/Adolescent Temporalities in *The Buddha(s) of Suburbia*

Microcosms of Encoded Desire: Queer History and the Postcolonial City  

Chair: Martin Dines (Kingston University)

- Ed Dodson (University of Oxford) - Postimperial Erotics in Alan Hollinghurst’s Thatcherite Metropolis
- Carol Pulham (Cedar Crest College, USA) - From Notting Hill to Ladbroke Grove: The Seduction of London in Hollinghurst's *The Line of Beauty*
- Arkaprabha Chakraborty (Jadavpur University) - A Love-Het Relationship: How Does the Homosexual Immigrant Love (in) London in Neel Mukherjee's *Past Continuous/ A Life Apart?*
- Patrick Preston (University of East Anglia) - Love for Rent: Jeremy Reed's Poetics of Piccadilly Prostitution

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*Chair: Sarah Wise (Independent)*

- Patrick Fessenbecker (Bilkent University) - On Loving One's Work – in a city
- Shurtakirti Dutta [read by Arkaprabha Chakraborty] (Jadavpur University) - Love in the 'Time of Dickens' London
- Steve Chapman (Independent) - 'It's of no consequence …’ Dickens's hopeless young male lovers - and perhaps their model
- Adewole Adejayan (University of Ibadan, Nigeria) - *Oliver Twist*: From Victorian Era London to Nigerian Streets

**Catalogued, Contained, Displaced: Encapsulating Space in Eighteenth-Century London**  
*Room 349*

*Chair: Gabriella Infante (King's College London)*

- Sylvie Beaudreau (State University of New York, USA) - Clarissa's Closet: Navigating the Networks of Power and Privacy in Samuel Richardson's London
- Laura Davies (University of Southampton) - Boswell in ‘the Ocean of London’
- Mita Choudhury (Purdue University Calumet) - Domesticity, Privacy, and Privation in Imperial London

**Elizabeth Bowen's London: All's Fair in Love and War**  
*Room 243*
Chair: Tory Young (Anglia Ruskin University)

- Lisa Mullen (Birkbeck University of London) - ‘Everybody in London was in love’: displacement and duplicity in Elizabeth Bowen’s *The Heat of the Day*
- Arwa Hasan (The University of Nottingham) - Unfulfilled Romance in Mysterious Kor’s London
- Ged Pope (London Metropolitan University) - “Everybody in London Was in Love”: Love in Graham Greene’s *The Heart of the Matter*

**Postmodern Cityscapes and the Substance of the Image**  
*Room G35*

Chair: Jenny Bavidge (Institute of Continuing Education; Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge)

- Allan Rae (University of Stirling) - ’not a mirror’: The Return of Narcissism and the Other London of China Miéville’s *The Tain*
- Emma Hayward (University of Liverpool) - The Pornographic Image and the Recovery of the ‘Real’ in John Lanchester’s *Mr Phillips*
- Craig Melhoff (University of Regina, Canada) - “Proper London” From the Air and On the Ground: Vertical Space, Attraction and the City in Salman Rushdie’s *The Satanic Verses*

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**Prostitutes and Citizens: Precarious Attachments on London’s Streets**  
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- Zoé Beaulieu Prpick (University of Regina, Canada) - The Lovely Ladies of London: Representing the London Class Divide Through Prostitute Literature
- Robyn Evans (Independent) - Literary Representations of Soho Prostitutes Between the Wars
- Kevin McCarron (University of Roehampton) - "Would You Like a Happy Ending": Narratives of Prostitution in Contemporary London

**Failure, Redemption, Performance: The Poetics of Marriage**  
*Room 349*

Chair: Laura Davies (University of Southampton)

- Alyssa Duck (Emory University, USA) - "That is not your mother but her body": Plath, Hughes and the Phenomenology of Loved Bodies in The Birthday Letters’
- Barry Raebeck (Southampton High School, New York, USA) - Exuberance is Beauty: William and Catherine Blake in London and in Love
- Robert Shepherd (Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain) - Jules et... Tom and Viv and Valerie: How Subjective was the Objective Correlative?

**Belonging Somewhere?: Diasporic Performances of Identity and Nationhood**  
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Chair: Martin Kindermann (Martin Kindermann)

- Chuen-shin Tai (Shih Chien University, Taiwan) - Identity Theft: The Blue Envelope from London in V.S. Naipaul's Half a Life
- Vivienne Lachs (Royal Holloway, University of London) - Flaunting Dirty Linen: The Cockney-Yiddish music hall 1898-1914
- Ji-Ching Hsiung (Chung-Jen Junior College of Nursing, Taiwan) - London Underground, Memory and Love in Imtiaz Dharker's ‘Trace’

London Gothic: Reveries of Absence and Doomed Love

Room G35

Chair: Sarah Wise (Independent)

- Eva Valentova (Masaryk University, Czech Republic) - The Mundane and the Mystical: London and Love in Arthur Machen's “A Fragment of Life”
- Luciana Colucci de Camargo (Universidade Federal do Triângulo Mineiro, Brazil) - From the English Gothic Scenario to Edgar Allan Poe's Philosophies of Furniture and Composition: For a Poetics of Space in Gothic Literature
- Amy Bell (Huron University College, Canada) - Doomed Love: Suicide Pacts in Interwar London

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- David Charnick (Independent) - Sex and the City: Love and Sex portrayed by Nigel Williams and Peter Ackroyd
- Henderson Downing (Birkbeck University of London) - Probably Psychogeographical in Love: Iain Sinclair and the City of Disappearances
- Pei Zhang (University of Liverpool) - ‘Maybe It's Because I'm a Londoner That I Love London So’: On the Flesh in Geoff Nicholson's Bleeding London

Anglo-Indian London: Sites of Oppositional Feeling

Room 349

Chair: Nicholas Bentley (Keele University)

- Eti Sharma (Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal (HNBGU) University) - Negotiating Female Stereotypes: A Study of Selected Indian Movies
- Madhu Singh (University of Lucknow) - The Anglo-Indian Passport to London: Nirmal Verma the Writer-Flaneur in Search of the English
- Kamalika K (Greenwood High International Shool) - The Search for Familiarity: A study of an outsider’s reforming identity in London
- Anna Tomczak (University of Białystok, Poland) - Hounslow in Love with Central London or How a Few Desi Rudeboys Have Become Enamoured of the Metropolis
Turbulent Betrothal: Women and the Spaces of Early Modern City Comedies  
Room 243

Chair: Adele Lee (University of Greenwich)

- Gabriella Infante (King's College London) - Exploring spatial language in Restoration London: the neglected feminist discourse in The Provoked Wife
- Chi-Fang (Sophia) Li (National Sun Yat-Sen University, Taiwan) - Dekker-Shakespeare Connection: Dialogic Perspectives of Love, Desire, and Madness in the Dekker's 1 & 2 Honest Whore and Shakespeare’s Taming of the Shrew, Romeo and Juliet, and Measure for Measure
- Alexandra Stachurova (Masaryk University, Czech Republic) - “But Honest and Pure Love to Thee”—True Love in the City Comedies of Thomas Middleton

Coupled/Uncoupled Lives Among the Wreckage of 1930s London  
Room G35

Chair: Simon Goulding (Independent)

- Alexandre Veloso de Abreu (Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais, Brazil) - Love, Life, Narrations and Nuances in London: The Imbrication of Narrative Voices in Sheila Cousins’s To Beg I am Ashamed
- Michael McCluskey (University College London) - Screening Social Networks in the 1930s: Missed Connections in GPO Films
- Sarah Wise (Independent) - Love Among the Ruins: London’s ‘vanished, romantic past’ and its role in subversive passion in George Orwell’s 1984

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Chair: Victoria Le Fevre (Royal Holloway, University of London)

- Angharad Eyre (Independent) [read by Lisa Robertson] - Love (That Surpasses All Understanding) and the City: Poverty, Division and Religion in Harkness’s, In Darkest London
- Deborah Mutch (De Montfort University) - Sex in the City: The London Novels of Margaret Harkness
- Flore Janssen (Birkbeck University of London) - ‘Toilers’ in the Literary Marketplace: Margaret Harkness, publishing and publicising sympathy for the poor

**Love’s Follies: The Structure of Gothic Romance**  
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- Giulia Maselli (Severndroog Castle Preservation Trust) - Severndroog Castle: a Curiosity of Passion from Laurence Sterne to Algernon Blackwood
- Mei-Ying Lin (National Taiwan University) - Charlotte Smith and the Mirroring of Self
- Apryl Denny (Viterbo University, USA) - “To Know Her Is To Love Her”: London and Greek Love in Bram Stoker’s Dracula

**Fluid and Infectious: Capturing the Condition of Jacobean London**  
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- Anthony Pennino (Stevens Institute of Technology) - Prince Hal’s London: Pubs, Palaces, and the Metropolitan Centre
- Claire Bryony Williams (Queen Mary University of London) - Syphilis on the page and the stage in Jacobean London
- J. Caitlin Finlayson (University of Michigan-Dearborn, USA) - John Taylor, the Self-Made Poet, on Merit and Social Mobility in Mercantile London

**Not at Face Value: Neo-Victorian and Neo-Materialist Reconceptions of the City**  
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- Kirsty-Anne Jasper (University of Greenwich) - Eroticism of the London poor: Sex, commodity and power in Michel Faber’s, The Crimson Petal and the White
- Allan Johnson (City University of Hong Kong) - Downing Street and 221B Baker Street: Mark Gatiss, Addiction, and Sexuality in Neo-Victorian London
- Dina Ester (Independent) - His heart on his sleeve: Ben Aaronovic’s Peter Grant and the Rivers of London

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- Pietra Palazzolo (Essex University and The Open University) - From Love to Kinship: Experiencing Alternative Relationships
- Anne Harvey (Independent) - London Lovers, London Lines

‘All my Blood was Flame’: Amy Levy’s London Passion  
*Room 349*
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- Martin Kinderman (Free University of Berlin) - 'My Love She Dwells in London Town: Conceptions of Urban Love in Amy Levy's Poetry
- Lydia Fellgett (University of East Anglia/Persephone Books) - Amy Levy, London and the Literary Marketplace
- Lisa Robertson (University of Warwick) - 'Sexless, Safe Philosophers': Amy Levy's London Affair

Love’s Enduring Traces: Echoing Streets in Contemporary London  
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- Elena Nistor (Institute of English Studies, University of London) - 'A Passion Without Understanding': London’s Devotions in Contemporary British Poetry
- Monica Manolachi (University of Bucharest) - Derek Walcott’s London: A Complicated Love Story
- Michael Perfect (Bilkent University) – Commitment Issues: Love and Relationships in Zadie Smith’s NW

Miltonic Visions of a Pre/Post-Lapsarian City  
Court Room

Chair: Anthony Pennino (Stevens Institute of Technology)

- Barry Cole (University of Alabama, USA) - To and From Feminine Paradise: Crossing Liminal Spaces of Love in Cavendish’s The Blazing World and Milton’s Paradise Lost
- Kristen Deiter (Tennessee Tech University, USA) - John Milton and the Tower of London: Placing 'Prison' and 'Towers' into Cultural Contexts
- Andelys Wood (Union College, USA) - Poets (and Serpents) in London Gardens

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