



# **Transatlantic Studies Association**

## **18th Annual Conference**

### **University of Lancaster**

**8-10 July 2019**

### **Call for Papers**

Submissions are invited for the 2019 Transatlantic Studies Association Annual Conference.

Plenary guests confirmed include:

**Professor Brian Ward (Northumbria University)**

*"The Beatles in Miami, 1964: Race, Class and Gender in the Atlantic World"*

AND

**Professor Kevin Hutchings (University of Northern British Columbia)**

*"Transatlantic Romanticism and British-Indigenous Relations: 1800-1850"*

PLUS

*A Roundtable discussion on:*

**Transatlantic Relations in the Age of a Rising China**

Following its first trip across the Atlantic for last year's annual conference at the University of North Georgia, the TSA is returning to the UK for its eighteenth annual conference at the University of Lancaster.

The TSA is a broad network of scholars who use the 'transatlantic' as a frame of reference for their work in a variety of disciplines, including (but not limited to): history, politics and international relations, and literary studies. All transatlantic-themed paper and panel proposals from these and related disciplines are welcome.

The conference is organised around a number of subject themes, each of which is convened by members of the conference programme committee (indicated below). If you would like to discuss your paper or panel proposal prior to submission, please contact the relevant programme committee members. This year's subject themes are:

1. *Diplomatic and international history*

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2. *Political and intellectual history*  
(Gavin Bailey, [gjzbailey@gmail.com](mailto:gjzbailey@gmail.com), Philip Pedley, [p.pedley@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:p.pedley@lancaster.ac.uk))
3. *Social, cultural and religious history*  
(Kristin Cook, [kc31@soas.ac.uk](mailto:kc31@soas.ac.uk), Constance Post, [cjpost@iastate.edu](mailto:cjpost@iastate.edu))
4. *International Relations and Security Studies*  
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5. *Literature, film, and theatre*  
(Donna Gessell, [donna.gessell@ung.edu](mailto:donna.gessell@ung.edu), Finn Pollard, [fpollard@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:fpollard@lincoln.ac.uk), Constance Post, [cjpost@iastate.edu](mailto:cjpost@iastate.edu))
6. *Business and finance*  
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7. *Latin America in a transatlantic context*  
(Thomas Mills, [t.c.mills@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:t.c.mills@lancaster.ac.uk), David Ryan, [david.ryan@ucc.ie](mailto:david.ryan@ucc.ie))
8. *Ethnicity, race and migration*  
(Kristin Cook, [kc31@soas.ac.uk](mailto:kc31@soas.ac.uk), Gavin Bailey, [gjzbailey@gmail.com](mailto:gjzbailey@gmail.com))

**Special subject theme:**

**Transatlantic Romanticisms**

Proposals are welcome for 20-minute papers on any aspect of Romanticism in a transatlantic context. Possible topics might include (but are not limited to) comparative romanticisms, ecological romanticisms, romantic natural histories, romantic travel and exploration, romanticism and colonialism, romanticism and critical theory. Please send a 300-word abstract, 100 word author biography, and 2-page CV to Kevin Hutchings, University Research Chair, Department of English, University of Northern British Columbia ([kevin.hutchings@unbc.ca](mailto:kevin.hutchings@unbc.ca)).

In addition to the subject themes above, we welcome papers and panels on any aspect of transatlantic studies. Interdisciplinary papers and panels are particularly welcome, as are innovative formats, such as roundtables / multimedia presentations.

**Submission Instructions**

Panel proposals should constitute three or four presenters and a Chair (as well as a discussant if desired). Panel proposals should be sent by email as one document attachment, and include:

- 300-word overview of the panel theme;
- 300-word abstracts for each of the papers;
- 100-word author biographies;
- 2-page CVs for all participants.

The subject line of the email for panel proposals should read: 'TSA Proposal-[Last name of panel convenor]-[Subject theme]' (state 'Other' if not falling under listed themes) (E.g. 'TSA Proposal-Smith-Diplomacy and International History').

Individual paper proposals should be sent by email as one document attachment, and include:

- 300-word abstract for the paper
- 100-word author biography;

- 2-page CV.

The subject line of the email for paper proposals should read: 'TSA Proposal-[Last name of presenter]-[Subject theme]' (state 'Other' if not falling under listed themes) (E.g. 'TSA Proposal-Smith-Other').

### **Travel Grants**

The TSA particularly welcomes proposals from new members and junior scholars. Travel grants are available to support early career scholars presenting a paper at the conference. If wishing to apply for a travel grant, applicants should indicate this in the body of the email when submitting their paper or panel. In addition to the materials requested above, travel grant applicants should include a brief statement explaining why it is important for them to attend the TSA conference, and an outline of the principal costs entailed. For further details about TSA travel grants, see the TSA website: [www.transatlanticstudies.com](http://www.transatlanticstudies.com).

All paper and panel proposals, and travel grant applications, should be sent to the conference email: [tsalancaster2019@gmail.com](mailto:tsalancaster2019@gmail.com)

### **Deadline for panel and paper proposals: 20 January 2019**

#### **The Conference Location:**

Lancaster's transatlantic connections date back to the eighteenth century when the city was a significant port for trade with the West Indies. Today, Lancaster is a thriving market town with a wide selection of pubs, restaurants and shops. Situated in north-west England, Lancaster is surrounded by beautiful countryside, including the Forest of Bowland, the Yorkshire Dales, and the Lake District. Described by Woodrow Wilson as 'a region ... so irresistible in its beauty' during one of his several visits to the area, the Lake District is home to [Dove Cottage and the Wordsworth Museum](#). To the south of Lancaster are the cities of Manchester and Liverpool, with world-class museums including the [People's History Museum](#), and the [International Slavery Museum](#). To the west lies Morecambe Bay, home of the art-deco [Midland Hotel](#), the location for the conference dinner.

The [University of Lancaster](#) is located three miles outside of the city, amidst 560 acres of landscaped parkland. Home to the [Ruskin Library and Research Centre](#), the campus also boasts a wide selection of shops, bars and eateries.

For convenience, delegates are advised to stay on campus for the duration of the conference. Delegates will be able to choose between campus Guest Rooms or the four star [Lancaster House Hotel](#). Blocs of rooms have been reserved at both and will be bookable when registering for the conference via the TSA website: [www.transatlanticstudies.com](http://www.transatlanticstudies.com).

Lancaster is easily accessible by train, with direct connections from London (2.5 hours), Manchester (1hr 20 mins), and Edinburgh (2hr 20mins). [Manchester Airport](#) has direct flights from locations throughout North America and Europe.

#### **Contact details and further information**

Vice-Chair of TSA / Local Organiser: Thomas Mills: [t.c.mills@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:t.c.mills@lancaster.ac.uk)

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