

**Annual Conference of the German History Society
of the UK and Ireland**

**Manchester Metropolitan University
5-7 September 2024**

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Conference timings at a glance (for titles see below):

Thursday 5 September

2.00pm GHS Committee meeting
4.00pm Publication / grant writing workshop
5.00pm Registration opens (tea and coffee available)
6.00pm Keynote lecture
7.15pm Wine reception

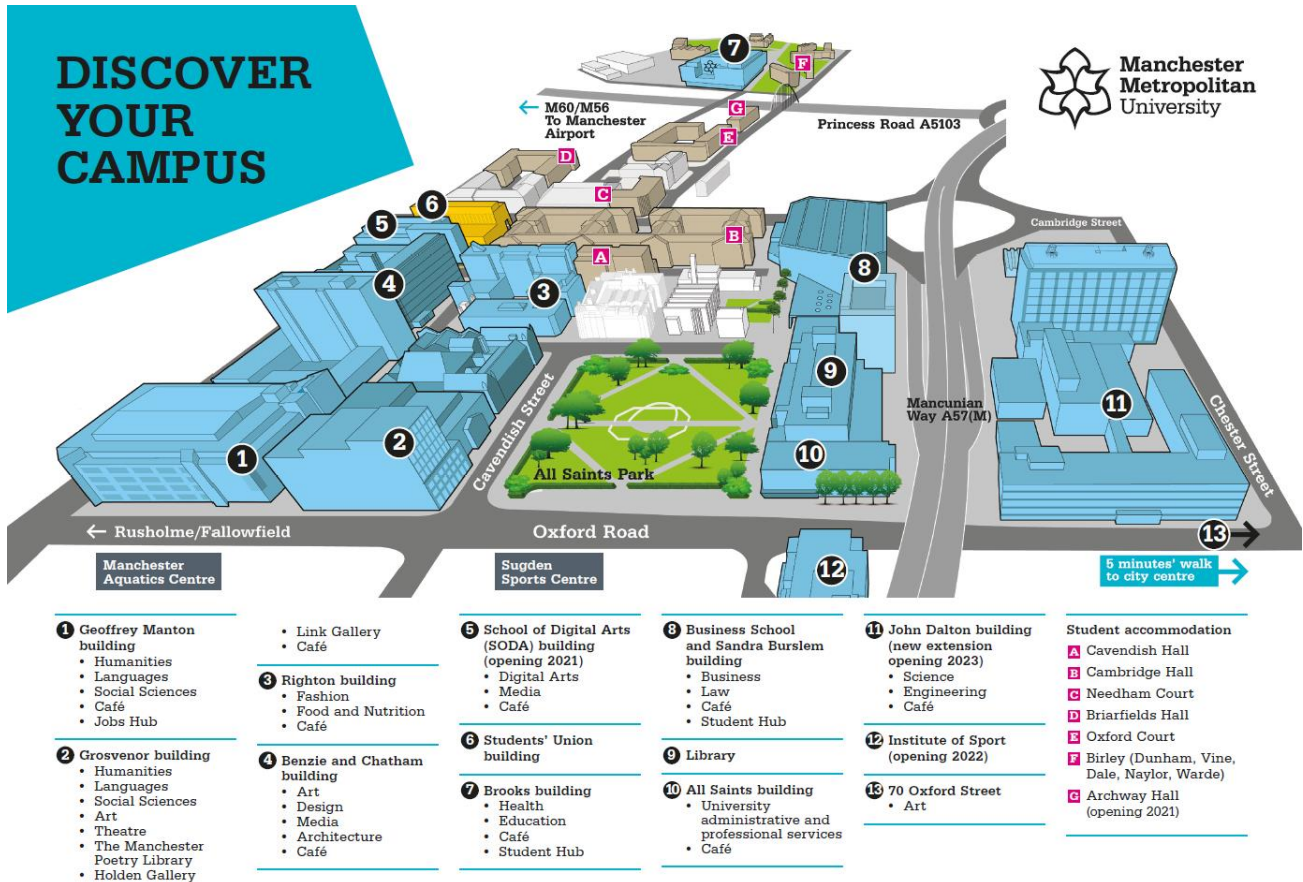
Friday 6 September

9.45am Morning Session One (four parallel panels)
11.15am Tea and Coffee
11.45am Morning Session Two (three parallel panels)
1.15pm Lunch
2.15pm Afternoon Session One (four parallel panels)
3.45pm Tea and Coffee
4.15pm Afternoon Session Two (three parallel panels)
5.45pm Comfort Break
6.00pm Keynote Lecture
7.15pm Conference Dinner

Saturday 7 September

9.00am Tea and Coffee
9.30am Morning Session One (four parallel panels)
11.00am Comfort Break
11.15am Keynote Lecture
12.30pm Lunch
1.30pm AGM of the German History Society
2.45pm Conference closes

DISCOVER YOUR CAMPUS



- 1** Geoffrey Manton building
- Humanities
 - Languages
 - Social Sciences
 - Café
 - Jobs Hub
- 2** Grosvenor building
- Humanities
 - Languages
 - Social Sciences
 - Art
 - Theatre
 - The Manchester Poetry Library
 - Holden Gallery

- Link Gallery
 - Café
- 3** Righton building
- Fashion
 - Food and Nutrition
 - Café
- 4** Benzie and Chatham building
- Art
 - Design
 - Media
 - Architecture
 - Café

- 5** School of Digital Arts (SODA) building (opening 2021)
- Digital Arts
 - Media
 - Café
- 6** Students' Union building
- 7** Brooks building
- Health
 - Education
 - Café
 - Student Hub

- 8** Business School and Sandra Burslem building
- Business
 - Law
 - Café
 - Student Hub
- 9** Library
- 10** All Saints building
- University administrative and professional services
 - Café

- 11** John Dalton building (new extension opening 2023)
- Science
 - Engineering
 - Café
- 12** Institute of Sport (opening 2022)
- 13** 70 Oxford Street
- Art

- Student accommodation
- A** Cavendish Hall
 - B** Cambridge Hall
 - C** Needham Court
 - D** Briarfields Hall
 - E** Oxford Court
 - F** Birley (Dunham, Vine, Dale, Naylor, Warde)
 - G** Archway Hall (opening 2021)

All parallel panels take place on the **Third Floor** of the **Grosvenor East building** (marked 2 on the above map). Registration and the wine reception on the Thursday evening also takes places on the Grosvenor East Third Floor. The keynote lecture that evening takes place in the ground floor lecture theatre of the same building.

The keynote lectures on Friday and Saturday, the AGM, and the conference dinner take place on the **Fourth Floor** of the **Lowry Building** (marked 4 on the above map).

Please note: the Lowry building is the brand new name of what was formerly the **Benzie** building, so you might see that previous name on signage, including the above map.

For those staying in university accommodation, this is Archway Hall, marked G on the above map.

All tea/coffee breaks, and the lunches, are included, but here are some additional suggestions:

- The 8th Day (vegetarian and vegan co-op) – next to 12 on the above map
- Art School Café (ground floor of Lowry / Benzie building)

On University Green, 4 minutes' walk south down Oxford Road (towards Rusholme/Fallowfield), there are several more options, including Café Nero (first floor of the Blackwells Bookshop). There is also a Co-Op supermarket.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON PRE-SESSION

2.00pm	GHS Committee Meeting	Grosvenor East (GE) 3.13
4.00pm	Publication and Grant-writing workshop (especially for postgraduates and ECRs)	GE 3.09

THURSDAY EVENING

5.00pm	Registration opens (tea and coffee available)	GE 3.17 open space
6.00pm	Keynote Lecture One Professor Amalie Föbel (Universität Duisburg-Essen) <u><i>Virilis ingenii femina: Gender, power and agency of medieval queens</i></u>	GE ground floor LT
7.15pm	Wine Reception	GE 3.17 open space

9.15-9.45 **Tea/Coffee** **GE 3.17 open space**

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION 1: 9.45am-11.15am

Panel 1 **Queer and Trans German Histories: A Roundtable** **GE 3.02**
Part A: Late 19th Century to 1945

Chair: Craig Griffiths (Manchester Metropolitan)

Bodie Ashton (ZZF Potsdam)
Benno Gammerl (EUI Florence)
Paola Medina-Gonzalez (Warwick)
Lauren Stokes (Northwestern)
Katie Sutton (Australian National University)

Panel 2 **Economic and Power Political Discourses** **GE 3.13**
from the Late Nineteenth Century Onwards

Chair: Mark Hewitson (UCL)

Mairead Barrett (University College Dublin): Power, Politics and Peace of Mind: How German Financial Integration into the Global Economy before 1914 Shaped Debates about German National Security

Robert Yee (Oxford): Banking Regulation in Germany and the German Empire, 1885-1934

Lorena De Vita (Utrecht): The Politics of Repair in the First Person Singular: Otto Küster's Diary

Panel 3 Pre- and Post-Habsburg Austria: GE 3.12
Military Cultures, Perceptions and Experiences

Chair: Christian Goeschel (University of Manchester)

Niall Buckley (Trinity College Dublin): That Other Germany: The Place of Austria and the Habsburg Dynasty in the British Mind, 1911-1938

Louise Earnshaw (Leeds): 'Heimweh war der Grundschermerz des Plennyleides': The Basic Pain of Prisoner Suffering? Experiences of Homesickness and Repatriation among Austro-Hungarian Prisoners of War, 1914-1923

Jenna Byers (University College Dublin): A Comparison of Interwar Paramilitaries: Germany and Austria

Panel 4 Divided Germany and Beyond: GE. 3.09
Political and Emotional Perspectives

Chair: Matthew Stibbe

Phil Leask (UCL): Going out of your Socialist Mind? Psychiatry and Psychotherapy in the GDR

Clare Copley (University of Central Lancashire): 'A Judicial No Man's Land': Challenges to Allied Rule in 1970s West Berlin

11.15-11.45am Tea/Coffee Break GE 3.17 open space

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION 2: 11.45am-1.15pm

Panel 5 Nationalism and Cultural Exchange GE 3.13

Chair: Helen Roche (Durham)

Sascha R. Harnisch (Erfurt): 'Die Wacht am Rhein': Making the Franco-German Border in German Patriotic Song during the Reichsgründungszeit

Mathis J. Gronau (Duisburg-Essen): Writing Foreign History as an Act of Cultural Exchange: The Creation and Reception of Thomas Carlyle's Frederick the Great

Philip Decker (Princeton): The Soviet Union at the Leipzig and Königsberg Trade Fairs, 1940-1941

**Panel 6 Sexuality, Race and Identity: Representations
of the 'Other' in Interwar Germany and Austria**

GE 3.02

Chair: Robbie Aitken (Sheffield Hallam)

Xiaojue Michelle Zhu (Courtauld Institute of Art): Between Respectability and
Criminality: National Belonging and Photographs in the Weimar Gay Press

Abbey Rees-Hales (Birmingham): The Shadow Lesbian: Interwar Feminine Lesbian
Identities in Mariette Lydis's *Lesbiennes* (1926)

Michelle Kiessling (Sheffield Hallam): 'Colour Does Not Matter': Exoticisation and
Belonging of 'Exotic' Youth in the Viennese Press

**Panel 7 Expertise, Activism and Government in
West German Society, c. 1970-1989**

GE 3.09

Chair: Christina von Hodenberg (German Historical Institute London)

Rüdiger Graf (ZZF Potsdam): Behavioural Expertise and Regulation in West
Germany since the 1970s

Ruth Pope (Forschungstelle für Zeitgeschichte in Hamburg): Child Sexual Abuse:
Contested Knowledge in the Federal Republic of Germany in the 1980s

Moritz Föllmer (Amsterdam): Governing the Big City in West Germany in the 1970s
and 1980s

1.15-2.15pm

Lunch

Grove café (GE ground floor)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION 1: 2.15-3.45pm

Panel 8 Approaches to Early Modern Memory

GE 3.09

Chair: Luca Scholz (University of Manchester)

Franziska Neumann (TU Braunschweig): Does Soil Have a Memory? Unearthing the
Environmental Memory of Early Modern Braunschweig

Beat Kümin (Warwick): Building Workers as Memory Makers in the German Lands

Thomas Pert (Warwick): The 'Refugee Experience' in the Memory and Memoirs of the
Thirty Years' War (1618-1648)

Panel 9 The Limits of Sovereignty, 1815-1930 GE 3.13

Chair: Tim Grady (Chester)

Jean-Michel Johnston (Cambridge): The Rough Edges of German Sovereignty, 1815-1919

Jasper Heinzen (York): Empire, Custom, and Honour in the First World War

Anna Ross (Warwick): International Zones: Ludwig Noé and the Making of Free Ports after the First World War

**Panel 10 Gender and the Law Across the Long 20th Century GE 3.02
in German-Speaking Europe**

Chair: Craig Griffiths (Manchester Metropolitan)

Daniel Gunz (Vienna): Negotiating Military Masculinity: Queerness within the *Fin de Siècle* Austro-Hungarian Armed Forces

Emma Teworte (Oxford): 'Der strafbare Eingriff': Criminalising Abortion in Germany between the 1930s and the 1950s

Jane Freeland (Queen Mary): Women's Rights and Reproductive Travel from Germany to the Netherlands

**Panel 11 Teaching German History in the Classroom GE 3.12
using Games: The Death of the Weimar Republic**

Chair: Jeff Bowersox (UCL)

Ben Green (University of Manchester)
Mathis Gronau (Duisburg-Essen)
Les Newsom (UCL)

3.45-4.15pm Tea/Coffee Break GE 3.17 open space

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION 2: 4.15-5.45pm

**Panel 12 Late Medieval and Early Modern Boundaries, GE 3.13
Networks and Collective Identities**

Chair: Stefan Hanß (University of Manchester)

Ben Pope (University of Manchester): The Formation of *der adel* (and its Oppression) as a Collective Identity in Upper Germany (c. 1400-1450)

9.00-9.30 Tea/Coffee

GE 3.17 open space

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 1: 9.30-11.00am

Panel 15 Intellectual Biographies and Genealogies

GE 3.12

Chair: Mark Hewitson (UCL)

Mikko Immanen (Helsinki): Adorno's Gamble with Klages: Harnessing Radical Conservatism for Emancipatory Ends

Claire MacLeod (Oxford): 'The First Lady of Academic Pedagogy': Recovering the Life and Scholarship of Elisabeth Blochmann (1892-1972)

Panel 16 Hidden in Plain Sight: Public 'Hidden' Histories and Hidden 'Public' Histories in Germany's Twentieth Century

GE 3.02

Chair: Christopher Dillon (King's College London)

Samantha K. Knapton (Nottingham): A Return to Normal? Queer Displacement in the Immediate Post-1945 Period

Bodie Ashton (ZZF Potsdam): 'Zwischen Witz und Haß' or 'endlich glücklich'? Trans Discursive Liminality and the Challenges of the German Transgender Past

Lilú Kruspe (Erfurt): Lost in the Crowd: Sex Work, Sex Trafficking and the Lost Individual in Newspaper Coverage of '*Mädchenhandel*'

Panel 17 The GDR's 1989 Across Borders

GE 3.09

Chair: Christian Rau (Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Berlin)

Andrew Demshuk (American University, Washington DC): German Reunification as a Success Story: 'Project Hope' in the 'Filthiest Village in Europe'

Marcus Colla (Bergen): Red Flag, Green Star: The International Correspondence of East German Esperantists in 1989

Kate Stanton (Oxford), 'Long Lost Sisters': East German Feminism across the East-West Divide

Panel 18 The Long Quest for 'Ordinary People': Historical and Sociological Approaches to 'Everyday Life' in the 20th Century

GE 3.13

Chair: Jane Freeland (Queen Mary)

Clemens Villinger (German Historical Institute London): *Alltagsgeschichte* and the (Re)discovery of Normality in the 1980s

Moritz Neuffer (Leibniz-Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung Berlin): 'Everyday Life': On the History of a Concept

Ole Münch (German Historical Institute London): Are Ordinary People more Objective? Mass Observation and its Peculiar Interwar Sociology

Emily Steinhauer (Royal Holloway): Erich Fromm's Psycho-Social Challenge to Normality

11.00-11.15am *Comfort break (and change of building)*

11.15-12.30pm Keynote Lecture Three Lowry Building, 403

Professor Ulinka Rublack (University of Cambridge)

Albrecht Dürer, Masculinity and the Politics of Renaissance Recognition

12.30-1.30pm Lunch Lowry Building, 403

1.30-2.45pm AGM of the German History Society Lowry Building, 403

2.45pm Conference closes

Local co-organisers: Craig Griffiths and Mercedes Peñalba-Sotorrío. Thank you also to Mohammed Haseeb Khan and to Nerea Wachter Galindo.

Many thanks to the MMU Department of History, Politics, and Philosophy as well as to the Histories of RGS (Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Identity) research group for sponsoring the wine reception.