

## MNU Humanities Colloquium 2016

### Literatures and Libraries



*Graduating through the archway of Durham Castle*

Welcome to Durham University and to the Matariki Network of Universities (MNU) Arts and Humanities Colloquium. MNU is now into its third year of these colloquia, combining information exchange on an academic theme and the sharing of good practice between partner libraries.

In the forthcoming days, we look forward to sharing inspiration with each other and strengthening our university's links and ability to work together.

### Conference overview

**Registration:** You can register for the event and accommodation here:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/conference.booking/details/?id=627>

**Themes:** The academic strand will address the broad theme of Literatures, concentrating on 'literature and its travels'. The library strand will be exploring parallel issues relating to international perspectives on relevance, engagement and alignment of libraries to the strategic imperatives of research, education and the student experience.

**Logistics:** There will be an informal welcome on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The conference will take place on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Accommodation is in Durham Castle. There are steps involved in access to all rooms at Durham Castle. Please let us know if you have mobility difficulties and we will discuss alternative accommodation. For more information please see

[www.dur.ac.uk/event.durham/venues/colleges/durham.castle/accommodation/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/event.durham/venues/colleges/durham.castle/accommodation/)

The academic strand of the conference will take place mainly in Hatfield College. You can read about Hatfield here: [www.dur.ac.uk/hatfield.college/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/hatfield.college/). The library strand will mainly take place on Palace Green, part of the Durham World Heritage Site.

**Preparation:** If you will be using PowerPoint, please remember to send presentations by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please send them to your Strand Lead and the Administrative Coordinator.

Each university is asked to prepare some words / words and pictures about their institution for the Welcome session. If this involves slides, please send them by 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

### Further information and contacts:

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## Conference Schedule

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

### Ongoing Registration

Drop-in registration at Durham Castle. Colloquium coordinators or a member of the Event Durham team will help you check in and get settled, and will provide you with some introductory information.

### 14:30 – 16:30 Tour of Durham Castle and walking tour of Durham

Meet at the check-in area of the Castle. Durham World Heritage Site colleagues will show you around the Castle, explaining its history and how it is used today. Prof. Stephen Regan will then lead a walking tour around Durham city, including beautiful riverside paths, places of historical interest and perhaps places for less formal evening entertainment!

### 18:00 – 22:30 Informal dinner and drinks

Meet at the check-in area of the Castle for transport to the Seven Stars pub in Shincliffe Village, a five-minute drive from Durham City.

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## Tuesday 6th September

### 7:30 – 09:00 Breakfast served in the Great Hall, Durham Castle

Please allow five minutes to walk from the Castle to Hatfield.

### 08:30 – 09:00 Arrival and coffee, Hatfield College

### 09:00 – 10:30 Welcome

A joint session with a welcome from the PVC Arts and Humanities, Prof. David Cowling. Each partner to give an introductory presentation of between 5 and 10 minutes.

AV will be available. If you will be using PowerPoint, please send presentation in advance.

### 10:30 – 12:00 Concurrent session 1

<b>Academic Stream, Birley Room, Hatfield College</b>
Literature and its Travels 1: from Classical to Medieval Literature
<b>Library Stream, Palace Green, PG20</b>
Making a difference? - International perspectives and exemplars of MNU libraries empower research, education and the student experience.

**12:00 – 12:30 Lunch, Hatfield College**

Served at Hatfield College, Dining Hall

**13:30 – 15:30 Palace Green Library. Special Collections Exhibition and discussion**

Durham University has some exceptional special collections. A tour will include the historic C17th Bishop Cosin's Library, the current Battle of the Somme exhibition, view some treasures from the collections including the Shakespeare First Folio and include a discussion on the role of library exhibitions in promoting university research.

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee**

**16:00 – 17:30 Research presentations and discussions**

Short presentations on current research relevant to our conference themes, with opportunity for discussion and support for follow-up collaboration.

**17:30 – 19:00 Free time**

Maps will be available in your delegate pack. Time to walk by the river or catch up on email perhaps.

**19:00 Assemble for dinner**

Assemble in the Castle Courtyard for transport to St. Marys College <https://www.dur.ac.uk/st-marys.college/>

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**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**7:30 – 09:00 Breakfast served in the Great Hall, Durham Castle**

**8:30 – 09:15 Coffee on arrival**

**9:15 – 10:45 Concurrent session 2**

**Academic Stream – Hatfield College**

Literature and its Travels 2: Modern Literature, Migration, and Interdisciplinarity

**Library Stream – Bill Bryson Library**

Partnership Working: Ways in which libraries can energise and add value to internal and external partnerships. Including a short tour of the Library

10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee, Hatfield College / Palatine Centre**

11:15 – 12:45 **Concurrent session 3**

**Academic Stream – Hatfield College**

Literature and its Travels 3: Creative writing and translation

**Library Stream – Bill Bryson Library**

Evaluation and service improvement – ( including a short discussion on benchmarking projects, reports, evaluation, and scope for future benchmarking projects

12:45 – 14:00 **Lunch, Hatfield College**

14:00 – 15:00 **Joint session, Hatfield College**

The Electronic Library, books and literature: myth or reality? Exemplars of good practice from partner libraries and a discussion about literature in the digital age?

15:00 – 18:00 **Excursion to Ushaw College**

Established as a Catholic Seminary in 1808, Ushaw College represents the largest and most significant concentration of buildings, archives, books, art-works, and other artefacts related to the history of Catholicism in the North of England. It also has a rich and fascinating history, with some of the finest Victorian architecture in the North East. The College Library contains rare and unique materials covering all disciplines. ([www.ushaw.ac.uk](http://www.ushaw.ac.uk)) <https://vimeo.com/120596806>

18:00 – 19:30 **Free time**

19:30 **Dinner, drinks, songs, and stories**

Dinner and entertainment at Durham Castle.

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**Thursday, September 8th**

7:30 – 09:00 **Breakfast served in the Great Hall, Durham Castle**

08:30 – 09:00 **Coffee on arrival, Institute of Advanced Study, Palace Green**

09:00 – 10:30 **Joint session, All's well that ends well**

'How libraries and academics can co-support.' Round-up / report from both strands followed by a Q&A session.

11:00 – 12:00 **Wrap up and next steps, IAS**

Photo opportunity

12:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 14:30 **Farewell**

From 15:00 **Optional excursions**

### Getting Around

Durham is an easily navigable city. Most transport will be guided or arranged for you. Maps will also be available on arrival.

To help you on your first day, please see below a map to get you from your accommodation at Durham Castle to your first session at Hatfield College. You will need a maximum of 10 minutes to walk there.

