



The Shelley Conference - Call for Papers

#Shelley200: Percy Bysshe Shelley's Final Years and Afterlives

Friday & Saturday 8-9 July 2022, The Nightingale Room at Keats House, Hampstead, London

In 1818, the Shelleys exchanged their settled life at Albion House in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, for an Italian exile—a period distinguished by remarkable productivity and artistic achievement. To commemorate the bicentenary of Percy Bysshe Shelley's death on 8th July 1822, the Shelley Conference 2022 will centre on the final two years of the poet's sojourn in Italy. Beginning with the summer of 1820, the last twenty-four months of Shelley's life were populated by brilliance. Within that short lease fall such works as *Prometheus Unbound*, *Swellfoot the Tyrant*, 'Letter to Maria Gisborne', 'Witch of Atlas', *Epipsychidion*, *Adonais*, the late lyrics, 'A Defence of Poetry', accomplished translations, and *The Triumph of Life*.

The Shelley Conference will celebrate the achievements of a major Romantic poet, but also his various afterlives. We invite papers on Shelley's last two years in Italy (his work, thought, life, friendships, and reading), but also on matters of Shelleyan reception: Shelley editing, and networks of influence, including the political, the musical, and the visual.

The conference will be in person and in the beautiful surroundings of Keats House Museum in Hampstead, North London. Proposals should be in the form of 150-word abstracts for 15-minute papers. Please include a 100-word biography with your proposal. There will be a significantly discounted registration fee for unwaged and postgraduate scholars.

We are pleased to be able to offer one £100 Postgraduate Bursary funded by the British Association for Romantic Studies (BARS) to contribute towards the cost of travel and accommodation for one unwaged/postgraduate researcher. To be eligible for this Bursary, you must be a PhD student, or post-PhD and not in a full-time salaried academic post, at the time of application. To apply, please include 'UW/Postgraduate Bursary Submission' in the title of your proposal. The successful recipient will be notified in February 2022.

Keynote speakers: Professor Nora Crook (Anglia Ruskin University) and Professor Michael Rossington (Newcastle University)

Closing date: Monday 7th February 2022

Please email proposals in Word or PDF format to shelleyconference2022@gmail.com by midnight on the closing date.

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