

Call for Papers

"Folklore: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

The Folklore Society's AGM Conference 2015

17th – 19th April 2015, Sheffield University, Halifax Hall, Endcliffe Vale Rd, Sheffield S10 3ER, UK

In Britain, as elsewhere, folklore is currently in a peculiar position. Popular interest has rarely been greater. Scholarly research and publication continues. Given its foundation in comparative methodologies, folklore is ideally placed to be at the centre of the interdisciplinary research approaches being championed across academia.

However, declining academic funding has marginalised folklore in regard both to other disciplines and to our own colleagues internationally.

This conference, therefore, seeks to address key questions within our discipline in terms of its identity and self-definition, its practices and, by extension, its future. Placing British folklore scholarship in its broader international framework the conference seeks to identify and strengthen the reciprocal relationships that exist throughout our discipline. The conference welcomes contributions by scholars working outside the British Isles, and seeks to strengthen the links between British folklorists and the discipline more widely.

We welcome proposals for papers in the following (and related) areas:

- the history of folklore studies
- theoretical questions within folklore studies
- popular and scholarly understandings of folklore
- theoretical questions raised by fieldwork and other research
- the place of British folklore scholarship in the discipline internationally, and the impact of international scholarship on the development of folklore studies in Britain
- Applications of folklore, including its place in interdisciplinary scholarship
- reflections on the future development of folklore and folklore research

Abstracts of maximum 150 words for presentations of 20 minutes should be sent to both thefolkloresociety@gmail.com and enquiries@folklore-society.com by **10 December 2014**.

More details at: <http://www.folklore-society.com/events/folklore-yesterday-today-and-tomorrow>