



**TSA**

## **Transatlantic Studies Association**

**22nd Annual Conference**

**Lancaster University, UK**

**8-10 July 2024**

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### **Call for Papers**

**Submissions are invited for the 2024 Annual Conference**

#### **KEYNOTE LECTURES**

**Dr Benedetta Berti (NATO, Head of Policy Planning)**

*“NATO at 75: Preparing the Alliance for a World of Strategic Competition”*

AND

**Professor David Higgins (University of Leeds)**

*“And no birds sing’: Ecological Loss in Transatlantic Nature Writing”*

PLUS

**A Roundtable discussion on:**

***NATO at 75: Navigating Old and New Challenges***

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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. If you would like to discuss your paper or panel proposal prior to submission, please contact the relevant programme committee members.

#### **Special subject themes:**

**1. *The North Atlantic Treaty at 75***

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Proposals are welcome on any aspect of NATO’s historical and contemporary role in alliance transformation and adaptation; NATO’s role in arms control and countering nuclear proliferation; European defense and burden-sharing; the war in Ukraine and transatlantic

security; regional security with particular reference to the Middle East and the Arab world; NATO's global partnerships and role in the Indo-Pacific.

## **2. *Transatlantic Romanticisms***

Kevin Hutchings, [Kevin.Hutchings@unbc.ca](mailto:Kevin.Hutchings@unbc.ca)

Proposals are welcome on any aspect of Romanticism in 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.

## **3. *Transatlantic Environmentalism***

Thomas Mills, [t.c.mills@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:t.c.mills@lancaster.ac.uk)

Proposals are welcome on any aspect of environmental humanities and social sciences (taking in history, literature, political science), including on conservationism, more than human histories, climate change and environmental activism, nature writing, environmental dimensions of diplomacy and warfare.

### **Standard Subject Themes:**

#### **4. *Diplomatic and international history***

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#### **5. *Social, cultural and religious history***

Finn Pollard, [fpollard@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:fpollard@lincoln.ac.uk), Kristin Cook, [kc31@soas.ac.uk](mailto:kc31@soas.ac.uk)

#### **6. *Politics and International Relations***

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#### **7. *Literature, film, and theatre***

Whitney Womack Smith, [womackwa@miamioh.edu](mailto:womackwa@miamioh.edu), Finn Pollard, [fpollard@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:fpollard@lincoln.ac.uk),

#### **8. *Transatlantic memory and heritage***

Kristin Cook, [kc31@soas.ac.uk](mailto:kc31@soas.ac.uk), Kathryn Gray, [kathryn.gray@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:kathryn.gray@plymouth.ac.uk)

#### **9. *The Transatlantic Global South***

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Please send all final submissions to the conference email address below.

For informal enquiries, please contact the theme convenors.

### **Other formats**

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, workshops or multimedia presentations.

### **Conference Format**

The TSA 2024 annual conference will be held primarily in-person. We will, however, reserve a limited number of slots for online panels. These panels must be wholly online (i.e. all presenters and the chair will participate online). If you wish your panel to be delivered wholly online, please explain briefly when making your submission why this needs to be the case and/or why the panel would benefit from this format of delivery. Individual paper submissions will not be accepted for online delivery.

## 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 to [studiestransatlantic@gmail.com](mailto:studiestransatlantic@gmail.com), 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').

**Please note: all submissions must come to the conference email address to be considered by the programme committee.**

## Travel Grants

The TSA particularly welcomes proposals from new members and junior scholars. Travel grants of £150 each are available to support early career scholars (MA, PhD and post-doctoral researchers) 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. For further details about TSA travel grants, see the TSA website: [www.transatlanticstudies.com](http://www.transatlanticstudies.com).

## Deadline for panel and paper proposals: 1 February 2024

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

## Contact details

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