

**TERN2024 Final Programme**  
**PLEASE NOTE ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH STANDARD (BST)**  
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Friday October 4, 2024

12:50 Opening Words (Linda)

Moderator: Kat

**13:00-14:20 Textual Landscapes and Forms**

Lik Hang Tsui (Hong Kong)

*Proems as Letters: Medieval Chinese Greetings in Poetic Form*

Sindija Franzetti (Sweden)

*Defining the Indefinable: The Essence of Interpersonal Communication in Katherine Mansfield's Not-Letters*

Giedrė Šmitienė (Lithuania)

*Personal Collection of Letters as Tangled Web of Different Forms and Formats*

14:20-14:30 Coffee Break

Moderator: Kat

**14:30-15:50 Beginning with Materiality**

Kathryn Carter (Canada)

*19th-century Irish Letters as Material Artefacts of Migration*

Jérôme Bourdon (Israel)

*The Letter as Telepresence*

Sam Kaislanieni (Finland)

*A typical Letters in 17<sup>th</sup>-century England*

15:50-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Round Table Discussion (Linda)

Speakers and attendees are invited to send a definition of 'LETTER,' their own or one they rely on, specifying the source. Collated, they will be sent to all participants to elaborate one definition of LETTER.

17:00-18:00 Hour Break

Moderator: Sindija

**18:00-19:00 Fiction and Resistance**

Stephani Richards-Wilson (USA)

*Willi Graf of the White Rose: Wartime Writing and Resistance*

Christina Glatz (Austria)

*Letters and e-epistolary in contemporary fiction: A comparative view on aesthetic and functional aspects*

19:00-19:10 Coffee Break

Moderator: Sindija

**19:10-20:10 Challenging what constitutes a Letter**

Linda McGuire (France)

*Cicero's Letters to his Friends 14.20: the short and long of defining a Roman letter*

Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris (USA)

*Oppenheimer's Table Doodles as Letters*

Saturday October 5, 2024

Moderator: Linda

**13:00-14:00 Epistolary Technology**

David Gerber (USA)

*Prisoner of War Radiograms 1942-1945: Electronic Letters via Shortwave Radio*

Jesús Candelario Menacho (Spain)

*On the Language of Email Spam*

14:00-14:10 Coffee Break

Moderator: Rob

**14:10-15:30 Bureaucratic Requests**

Nuria Calvo Cortes (Spain)

*"Is a petition form a letter?" Reflections on Late Modern London Petition forms*

Mikko Rapo (Finland)

*Bureaucratic yet personal – letters to Finnish resettlement authorities after WW2*

Kat McDonald (USA)

*When Letters are More than Letters: The Epistolary Culture of Bureaucracy in 16<sup>th</sup>-century Scotland*

15:30-16:30 Hour Break

Moderator: Sindija

**16:30-17:50 Human and other relations**

Deborah Golden, Jessica Jacobson, Ruth Sack (Israel, South Africa, UK)

*When is a letter a Memory Game?*

Batsheva Ben-Amos (USA)

*Treasured Texts: 50 years of correspondence and Friendship between two Folklorists*

Rachel Epp Buller (USA)

*Dear Human: Imagining Other Worlds through Letters*

17:50-18:00 Coffee Break

Moderator: Rob

**18:00-19:00 Epistolary Identity**

Maria de Ceu Estibeira (Portugal)

*On Reading the "Letter on the Genesis of the Heteronyms" by Fernando Pessoa: a fictional letter or a biographical narrative?*

Zoushiyu Zhou (USA)

*Talking the Sickbed: Epistolary Poems Exchanged between the Su 蘇 Brothers*

19:00 Closing Words (Linda)