

TERN2026 Final Programme
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before 27 September and specify the day(s) you prefer. The conference is virtual and zoom links will be sent
the evening before.

Friday October 2, 2026

12:50 Opening Words

Chair: Sindija

13:00-14:00 In Another Hand

Steven King and Peter Jones (UK)

Many Hands Make Good Letters: collaboration and the construction of English pauper letters, ca. 1780-1840

Nuria Calvo Cortes (Spain)

How literate were petitioners to the Foundling Hospital in Late Modern London?

14:00-14:10 Coffee Break

Chair: Rob

14:10-15:30 Politically Literate

Teri Walker (USA)

Feminism: A Quilted Education

Amanda Markwell (UK)

"very trustworthy witnesses assure me" Political Literacy in Letters of Complaint to the Home Office

Linda McGuire (France)

Claudia Severa's Unpractised Hand: Vindolanda Tablet 291 and the Vocabulary of (Il)literacy

15:30-16:30 Hour Break

Chair: Rob

16:30-17:30 Literacy and Materiality

Iordan Avramov (Bulgaria)

Language, Rhetoric, and Sense of Humor: Aspects of Epistolary Literacy in the Scientific Correspondence of Henry Oldenburg

Zoe Screti (UK)

"Burn this scrawl": Destruction Literacy in Eighteenth-Century Letters

17:30 End of Day One

Saturday October 3, 2026

Chair: Linda

13:00-14:00 Epistolography Practice

Lik Hang Tsui (Hong Kong)

Letters as Writing Models: Epistolography in Middle Period Chinese Encyclopedias, ca. 1190-1320

Danni Cai (China)

Female Literacy and Epistolography Practice in Modern China

14:00-14:10 Coffee Break

Chair: Linda

14:10-15:10 Literacy, Trust and Obligation

John Bessai (Canada)

Reading the State by Letter: Administrative Literacy and Third-Party Mediation in Canadian Public Institutions

Dimitra Kardakari (Greece)

Letter Literacy in a Greek Maritime Family: Correspondence, Kinship and Business Information in the Kulukundis Family Letters, 1907-1931

15:10-16:10 Hour Break

Chair: Kat

16:10-17:30 Kin and Social Conditioning

Martina Hacke (Germany)

The education of Bruno and Basilius Amerbach through the letters of their parents (1497-1508)

Natalia Masolikova (Russia)

Children's spelling and grammatical errors in letters as one of the types of evidence of language attrition in the emigration (from the history of the Russian diaspora in the first half of the 20th century)

Jess Lee (Canada)

Reading the Hand: Letter Literacy and Intimacy in William Shakespeare's Twelfth-Night and Cymbeline

17:30-17:40 Coffee Break

Chair: Kat

17:40-18:40 Literate Postal Couriers and Clerks

Gary Wayne Loew (USA)

The Postal Ethos: Literacy, Numeracy, and Moving the Mail

Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris (USA)

Postmaster Literacy and the Way Bill

18:40 Closing Words