



CfP: Fragments - School of Advanced Study Postgraduate Conference

15-16th June 2023

Online / Chancellors Hall, Senate House

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: 14th April 2023

Dear SAS students,

We invite you to the first annual SAS Postgraduate Conference organized by SASiety and the Doctoral Centre which will take place online and in-person on the 15th and 16th of June 2023. As we are an international and diverse student community with on-site and distance learners, we are offering the chance to either participate in a dedicated **online afternoon session on 15 June** or in the **in-person one-day conference in Chancellors Hall on 16 June** which will also be livestreamed.

The theme of this year's SAS Postgraduate Conference will be *Fragments*.

What are the arts and humanities, if not, an assemblage of fragments? The definition of fragmentation is "the process or state of breaking or being broken into fragments." Think of the break between rural nineteenth-century Britain and the Industrial Revolution that would disrupt traditional, normative ways of life. What about modernism, which put into words and embodied an age of continuous fragmentation? Alternatively, think of the architectural inventions of the 1950s and the ways social unrest and cultural disruptions paved the way for avant-garde brutalism.

In order to engage with all of the SAS community with its many research institutes, we are keeping the theme of "Fragments" as open as possible, whether that means dealing with fragmentary evidence, presenting a fascinating "fragment" of your research, or the fragmentary nature of your particular research interest. Suggested themes include (but are not restricted to):

- Fragments as points of separation and recovery
- Processes of fragmentation and their role in the ongoing (de)construction of, articulation, and projection of identities

- Fragments as markers of transitions or crises in literature, art, and history
- Dissecting source materials
- Cultural Fragmentation, migration, and diaspora
- Fragmentation in the legal sector
- Political and economic fragmentation

Submission Types

Paper Presentations (15 minutes) Proposals for paper presentations should be targeted to the occasion and make use of appropriate media. Papers are grouped by subject matter into panels, given back-to-back with discussion of all papers at the end of the panel.

Lightning Talks (5 minutes) Rather than delving deep into any particular topic, we envision these lightning talks as a chance to showcase your research briefly, raise awareness of new ideas, resources, and opportunities of research on fragmentation in the humanities.

If you would like to contribute a paper or a lightning talk, please fill out the form on sasiety.co.uk/fragments by 14th April 2023. Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words and 100 words respectively. **Contributors will be notified about acceptance on or by 28th April 2023.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at sasiety@postgrad.ac.uk.

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