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Institutions in the Nineteenth Century and Beyond

Wednesday, 7 May 2025, Durham University, United Kingdom

The Centre for Nineteenth-Century Studies (CNCS) at Durham, Newcastle, Northumbria, and Teesside Universities is pleased to announce its annual Postgraduate Conference, to be held in-person at Durham University on Wednesday, 7 May 2025. Postgraduates from all disciplines are invited to submit proposals for a 15-minute paper.

The nineteenth century saw the emergence and consolidation of institutions in many different areas, including art, education, law, medicine, politics, and more. These institutions not only informed the period's socio-political landscape, but also left a legacy that still reverberates in the twenty-first century. In the current era filled with self-reflection and reassessment, a richer account of the historical past provides a better understanding of our contemporary situation. It is therefore timely to reconsider how long-standing institutions developed and their lasting implications for the present day.

CNCS invites papers that consider 'institutions' in the long nineteenth century, especially from an interdisciplinary perspective. Papers may address, but are not limited to, the following questions:

- What new institutions emerged in the nineteenth century?
- Which individuals and/or groups were involved in developing these institutions?
- How did different institutions—perhaps in separate or overlapping domains—intersect and shape one another?
- How did these institutions affect the nineteenth century's intellectual, cultural, and socio-political milieu?
- What is the nineteenth century's influence on contemporary institutions?
- How does research on the nineteenth century intersect with the GLAM sector (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums)?

Please e-mail a title, an abstract (300 words), and a biographical note (100 words) to Ardi Echevarria at rafael.d.echevarria@durham.ac.uk with the subject 'CNCS 2025 PG conference'. The deadline for abstracts is Monday 3 March 2025 and successful applicants will be notified by Friday 31 March 2025.



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