



CALL FOR PAPERS

THE WORLD OF E. M. FORSTER – E. M. FORSTER AND THE WORLD

29th – 30th September 2016

University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn
University of Warsaw
University of Trier
International E. M. Forster Society

One may as well begin with an invitation:

We would like to invite you to an international scholarly conference on the life and works of E. M. Forster, the first conference to be organised by the International E. M. Forster Society and the second Forsterian conference in Poland. It is our aim to evaluate the presence and legacy of Forster in English literature and social history. The double title of our conference is meant to reflect the duality of our aims – on the one hand, we are interested in Forster's own works, with a special stress on the less often approached texts. On the other hand, we would like to enquire in the position of Forster, his works, and the values he stood for within British and world culture(s) almost half a century after his demise.

We are interested in all possible aspects of Forster's oeuvre and life, as perceived by various theories, methodologies, and schools. Our interests encompass both the works and the life of Forster himself as these of his contemporaries, especially these he was influenced by and these he in turn influenced himself. The list of possible candidates ranges from Jane Austen through Henry James to Virginia Woolf and Christopher Isherwood. We are also interested in Forsterian influences in the works of our contemporaries such as Alan Hollinghurst, Jonathan Coe, and Zadie Smith. Our interest includes also books in which Forster features as a literary character, for instance Damon Galgut's *Arctic Summer*. We are further interested in E. M. Forster's legacy going beyond literature, such as films, plays, musicals, and operas based on his works. It is our aim to make the selection of papers as comprehensive as possible, so do not hesitate to contact us with your proposals, no matter how far-fetched they may be.

The conference will take place at the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn (<http://www.uwm.edu.pl/en/>), in the heart of the picturesque Polish Lake District. The organisers will offer moderately priced accommodation on the university campus (details will be announced on the web-page) for the duration of the conference (costs of accommodation and meals – except for conference dinner – are not included in the fee).

The conference fee is 400 PLN / 100 EUR / 100 USD (for PhD students 300PLN / 75 EUR / 75 USD).

Proposals for a 20 minute long presentation should include a 150 word abstract and a short biographical note including your academic affiliation (if available) and should be sent to the following address: conference@society.emforster.de. If you require an invoice, please, provide all the necessary data along with your submission. Submissions are welcome until 1st May 2016 – the authors of the accepted papers will be notified within a month of the acceptance. Depending on the number of accepted submissions we may organise a poster session for young scholars.

We intend to publish a reviewed collection of essays following the conference. The details of publication should be announced during the conference.

All further details will be available from the website of the Society:
<http://society.emforster.de/olsztyn-2016>.

Facebook users may also consider joining the group of our Society at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/448009452056029/> to receive the latest updates.

If you would like to join the Society, please go to: <http://society.emforster.de/members>.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Olsztyn!

Organisers

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