

CALL FOR PAPERS

A Passage to India - Centenary Revaluations

24-26 June 2024

University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn

University of Warsaw

International E. M. Forster Society

A Passage to India, the last novel of E. M. Forster published in his lifetime appeared on the market in June 1924. It confirmed Forster's position as one of the most eminent novelists of his time and started his international career with Czech and Russian translations both in 1926. The novel has since been adapted four times for the radio, three times for the stage, once for TV, and, most memorably, once for the big screen by David Lean. It has been the subject of academic scrutiny for almost a century, various scholars applying a variety of theoretical approaches to the text. The purpose of our meeting is to reassess the century which has passed since the publication – looking at *A Passage to India* from all possible angles, within all possible context, debating over its past importance and influence, and trying to foresee the role it may play in the future.

Our aims, however, are somewhat broader than this. We do not want a too detailed project to deter you from joining us in Olsztyn. *A Passage to India* is central to our meeting this year but we do not want the novel to overshadow other aspects of Forster's life and work completely. Our conference is intended as a celebration of E. M. Forster and an opportunity for all Forsterians to come together. Consequently, we are interested in all possible aspects of Forster's oeuvre and life, as perceived by various theories, methodologies, and schools. Do not hesitate to contact us with your proposals, no matter how far-fetched they may seem as long as the proposed studies update and enrich the scholarly discourse on the life and work of Forster.

The conference will take place in Olsztyn (an old city in north-west of Poland) in the new campus of the University of Warmia and Mazury on the banks of the picturesque Kortowo lake. Olsztyn is served by the Olsztyn-Mazury airport but you may choose to fly to Warsaw which is less the 3 hours away on the train.

We do understand that long-distance travel is still subject to a variety of restraints while academic financial resources are limited. Consequently, the conference

will be organised in a hybrid way – the proceedings will also be available online in real time and they will be recorded and posted online. However, please, note that those presenting their papers must attend the conference in person. If you cannot join us in Olsztyn, please, select pre-recorded presentation.

The Academic Committee

Prof. Santanu Das (All Souls College, University of Oxford, UK)

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Submission Guidelines and Acceptance Policy

Proposals should consist of a maximum 200 word abstract and a short biographical note including your academic affiliation (if available) and contact details. They should be sent to the following address conference.iemfs@gmail.com. Proposals are welcome until October 1st 2023 – the authors of the accepted papers will be notified of the acceptance within three weeks. Please, indicate how you would like to present your work choosing from the options below. However, note that the Organising Committee may offer a different form of presentation such as a poster/lightning talk instead of a paper.

- Presentation forms:
 - o Paper (15 to 20 mins – a presentation of a single paper by one or more authors).
 - o Lightning talk (5 mins – a short paper for a focused presentation). We especially encourage young scholars to present their on-going research projects in this form.
 - o Poster (for poster sessions). Posters can present research results or research in progress. We especially encourage young scholars to present their projects in this form.
 - o Pre-recorded audiovisual presentation available a month in advance on our website – with a general discussion during the conference. It is possible to combine pre-recorded presentation with a poster or a lightning talk.

- The conference fee is 150 € (for PhD students 125 €) for active participants. The fee will cover lunch and coffee-breaks, conference dinner, and a guided city tour. The conference fee for those participants who choose to take part online is 75 € (for PhD students 50 €). All participants will receive certificate of attendance.
- We will provide basic technological needs such as Internet, projectors, power cords, sound systems, and cables.
- All further details will be available from the website of the Society: <http://society.emforster.de>
- Facebook users may also consider following our page at <https://www.facebook.com/IEMFS> or joining the group of our Society at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/448009452056029/> to get the latest updates.
- You may find updates on Facebook event - <https://www.facebook.com/events/692015782764947>
- Twitter users will find information at <https://twitter.com/Interna06416174>
- Twitter hashtag: #apassagetointia2024
- If you would like to join the Society, please, go to: <http://society.emforster.de/members>

Publication

A preferably Open Access publication is planned – details will be presented during conference. All forms of participation in the conference are eligible for submission of papers to the conference proceedings.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Olsztyn!

For the Organising Committee

Dr Anna Kwiatkowska, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn
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