

Narratives of old age and gender

**Thursday 12 - Friday 13 September 2019
The British Academy, London**

Convenors:

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Day 1: Thursday 12 September 2019

- 09:45 *Registration and refreshments*
- 10:15 Welcome
- 10:30 **Session 1: Spectres of old age and gender**
Chair: Dr Amy Culley (University of Lincoln)
- Professor Lynne Segal (Birkbeck, University of London)
Who'll be my mirror? Spectres of ageing
- Professor Helen Small (University of Oxford)
Philosophical narratives of old age and gender
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 13:00 **Session 2: Performing old age and gender**
Chair: Dr Siân Adiseshiah (Loughborough University)
- Leah Thorn (Performance poet)
Older women rock!
- Dr Bridie Moore (University of Huddersfield/Passages Theatre)
'I have no reason to think that I shouldn't give my self
permission to do exactly what I want to do': acknowledging and
challenging narratives of ageing femininity in solo performance
- 14:30 *Refreshments*
- 15:00 **Session 3: Recovering narratives of old age and gender**
Chair: Dr Jonathon Shears (Keele University)
- Professor Devoney Looser (Arizona State University)
When fame dies first: forgotten women authors in old age
- David Amigoni (Keele University),
'A changing place called old age': from Victorian self-help
literature to narrative evaluation systems
- Professor Pat Thane FBA (King's College London)
Gendered narratives of ageing in Britain since 1900
- 17:00 End of first day of conference
- 17:30 Drinks reception
River Room, Second Floor, King's Building, Strand Campus,
King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS

Day 2: Friday 13 September 2019

- 09:00 *Registration and refreshments*
- 09:30 **Session 4: Page, stage and screen**
Chair: Dr Siân Adiseshiah (Loughborough University)
- Dr Maria Zubair (Manchester Metropolitan University)
(co-authored paper with Professor Shirin Zubair, Kinnaird College, Pakistan)
Lipstick Under My Burkha [veil]: shifting narratives of later life sexuality and gendered transgressions in Hindi cinema
- Professor E. Ann Kaplan (Stony Brook University, New York)
Mothers, daughters and dementia: gender stereotypes, psychoanalysis and comic form
- Professor Jen Harvie (Queen Mary, University of London)
Genderqueering time, ageing, and relationships with split britches
- 11:30 *Refreshments*
- 12:00 **Session 5: Dress and embodiment**
Chair: Dr Jonathon Shears (Keele University)
- Professor Julia Twigg (University of Kent)
Dress, gender and the embodiment of age
- Dr Anna-Mari Almila (University of Arts London)
(co-authored paper with Dr Hannah Zeilig, University of Arts London)
Pleasure and personhood: women, ageing and dress
- 13:30 *Lunch*
- 14:30 **Session 6: Roundtable on alternative narratives of old age and gender**
Chair: Professor Gordon McMullan (King's College London)
- Dr Elizabeth Webb (Age UK)
Dr Jay Ginn (Advisor to National Pensioners Convention)
Professor David Amigoni (Keele University)
Dr Bridie Moore (University of Huddersfield/Passages Theatre)
Professor Lynne Segal (Birkbeck, University of London)
- 16:30 *Refreshments and concluding discussion*
- 17:00 End of conference