

## Engagement events for Fellows, by Fellows

Following on from the first Fellowship Engagement Week in October 2022 the Academy would like to extend the trial of opportunities for Fellows to engage with each other intellectually outside the structure of Section meetings. This includes an online Engagement Week ahead of March Sections, and in October. We are also proposing some in-person events outside of London, in Belfast, Glasgow, Cardiff and Manchester.

Fellows are reminded that all suggestions for engagement events are welcomed, and do not necessarily have to fit in to these proposals.

All talks and discussions should be based on the following principles.

### ***Principles for all Fellowship engagement events:***

- All talks should be by Fellows, for Fellows only, all speakers and attendees should be drawn from within the Fellowship (including Honorary and Corresponding Fellows).
- All talks should be held under the [Chatham House rule](#)
- Topics can be broad and cross-cutting or very specific or niche. We particularly welcome talks on cross- or inter-disciplinary themes.
- Topics can be suggested by Section Chairs, or individual groups of Fellows, and should be available to Fellows across disciplines and Sections.
- Please keep inclusivity in mind when proposing talks. The events will ideally highlight the many different voices, perspectives and critical views within the Fellowship. Consideration will be taken of disciplinary spread and subject matter across all talks.
- There is no onus on achieving a minimum number of attendees, but we may need to limit the number of attendees so as to remain within capacity restrictions.
- All talks will be advertised to all Fellows in advance.

### **Online discussions March**

To assist Fellows to hold online disciplinary discussions in the week before the March Section meetings the Fellowship can help to organise the set-up of zooms, circulate topics, organise timetables and send Fellows details of discussions.

In addition to the principles above, talks and discussions should ideally be no longer than 1.5 hours and be held either in the morning or afternoon. The Fellowship team will do its best to schedule talks around any requests.

### **Fellowship Engagement Week October**

These will be in-person events to facilitate intellectual engagement across disciplines, inside and across Sections. This will include talks, seminars and discussions with topics suggested by Fellows, for Fellows.

We invite Sections and Fellows to suggest topics for discussion in line with the above principles for engagement events. Talks should ideally be no longer than 2 hours and be held either in the morning

or afternoon. However, if a Section has a particular request or a format in mind this may be considered too. For example, if several Sections would like to crossover talks could be held in the morning and afternoon with a shared lunch.

Proposals:

Initial proposals for October Engagement Week should be emailed to Johanna Empson [j.empson@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:j.empson@thebritishacademy.ac.uk) and should include a topic summary no more than 150 words, speaker suggestions, proposing Section (ideally across at least two Sections, but not necessarily) and any other considerations, including if you would like the event to be hybrid, or if you would like to factor in time for networking or refreshments.

### **Events outside London 2023**

To trial the facilitation of events outside London we would like to ask Fellows in the following areas to suggestion topics for discussion at the below locations and times. These locations are based around the British Academy lectures taking place at those Universities. Fellows will also be invited to the Academy Lectures on the evening of the event and the drinks reception which will follow.

- Queen's University Belfast
- University of Glasgow
- Cardiff University
- University of Manchester

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