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8th International Conference on

# Late Modern English

Unheard voices, forgotten Englishes  
in Late Modern times

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## First Call for Papers

## 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Late Modern English

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### Important dates

- Abstract submission: 2 October 2023 – 31 January 2024
- Notification of acceptance: 1 April 2024
- Registration: April – July 2024
- Conference dates: 2-4 October 2024

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### • Conference description

The 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Late Modern English (LModE-8) will be held at the University of Salamanca (Spain) on 2-4 October 2024, organised by members of the [DING](#) (English Dialectology and the History of the English Language) research group.

The **theme** of the conference is 'Unheard voices, forgotten Englishes in Late Modern times'. We invite abstracts on the 'other' Englishes of the Late Modern period in England and beyond, with special emphasis on overseas varieties of English, provincial speech, the language of specific social groups / individuals, as well as archival materials and methodologies that can advance our knowledge of less-investigated forms of English during this time. Proposals that deal with other topics related to Late Modern English will also be welcome.

Our **plenary speakers** and the titles of their lectures are:

- Prof. Anita Auer (Université de Lausanne)  
  
'Voices from below the social spectrum: The language of the labouring poor in Late Modern England'
- Prof. Lynda Mugglestone (University of Oxford)

Title to be confirmed

- Prof. Laura Wright (University of Cambridge)

‘On how the London placename *Limehouse* became enregistered in Late Modern English’

As in previous editions, LModE-8 will run over three days in parallel sessions and will offer a number of social activities that include a walking tour of the historic city centre, a visit to the Old Library, and a trip.

- **Proposals**

We invite abstracts for the following formats:

1. **Full papers**: 20-min. presentation + 10-min. discussion.

Abstracts of full papers should be 300-400 words (excluding references) and should clearly indicate the main research question(s), the methodology, and (anticipated/provisional) findings. They should be anonymous and submitted via [EasyAbs](#) at:

<https://easyabs.linguistlist.org/conference/LModE8>

2. **Thematic panels**: 4 / 5 papers (20-min. + 10-min. discussion each) on a shared topic(s) within the remit of the conference theme.

Authors interested to convene a thematic panel should address their proposals to [lmode8@usal.es](mailto:lmode8@usal.es). The proposals (in Word format) should include (a) the title of the panel; (b) the names and affiliations of the proposed participants; (c) a description (c. 500 words) of the rationale, topic(s) and aim(s) of the panel; as well as (d) the abstracts of the 4 / 5 papers to be presented during the session. Panel convenors would be responsible for contacting participants and putting their abstracts together before submitting their proposal. The abstracts, which will be reviewed by the LModE-8 scientific committee, should be 300-400 words (excluding references), and indicate the main research question(s), their methodology and main findings, as well as how they contribute to the overarching topic(s) of the panel.

\* Please note that authors may submit up to two abstract proposals only if one of them is a contribution to a thematic panel (e.g. full paper + panel paper OR panel paper + panel paper).

- **Contact**

If you have any questions, please contact us at: [lmode8@usal.es](mailto:lmode8@usal.es)

Information about the conference fee, accommodation, etc. will be posted on the [conference website](#) in early 2024, keep an eye on it and follow us on Twitter [@latemode8](#)!

We look forward to welcoming you in beautiful Salamanca in 2024!

The organising committee