

NGG

Conference 2025

Archives, Heritage and Memory

The Parkes Institute, University of Southampton

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Call for Papers



The 2025 annual conference of the New Generation Group will centre around archives, places, and books as a space of memory. As an accumulation of traces, the archive is meant to support memory. However, archiving is inseparable from selection, exclusion, forgetting, and destruction. To the philosopher Jacques Derrida, the drive to archive includes not only the act of preserving memory but also the desire to control and interpret these traces.

The conference aims to offer space for postgraduate and early career researchers to engage critically on emerging trends and new perspectives in Jewish studies. The NGG conference spans academic fields and encourages submission examining different spaces and periods, from Biblical times to the modern day.

Potential topics include but are not limited to:

Material objects (books, heirlooms, etc.)

Family archives

Virtual and immaterial

Limitations of the archives

Counter-archives

Conservations practices,

Curating practices

We are pleased to invite scholars, researchers, and practitioners to submit proposals (250 words) with a short biography (100 words). Abstracts should be sent to c.j.e.guigui@qmul.ac.uk and lisa.jenkel@unibas.ch

Submissions should be received by **18:00pm** (GMT) on the **15th of January**.

The conference is organised with the generous contribution of the Jewish Historical Society of England and in cooperation with the Parkes Institute at the University of Southampton. Lunch and tea will be provided. Funding for travel costs will not be available.