### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

#### Conference Day 1: Thursday 19th September

1pm-1.45	Registration : coffee available	
1.45-2.45	Welcome and KEYNOTE: John Bowen, University of York	
3pm-4.30	Session 1: Panel A (Science of Life) and Panel B (Empire)	
4.30-5pm	Refreshments	
5pm-6.30	Session 2: Panel C (Class Aesthetics) and Panel D (Theatrical	
	Transmediations)	
6.30	Those wishing to meet others for dinner meet outside the	
	'Lecture Theatre'	



#### Conference Day 2: Friday 20th September

9.15-10.45	Session 3: Panel E (Poetry) and Panel F (Environment)	
10.45-11.15	Refreshments	
11.15-12.45	Session 4: Panel G (Supernatural) and Panel H (Ethics and Aesthetics)	
12.45-1.45	Lunch	
1.45-3.15	Session 5: Panel I (Care-Giving) and Panel J (Print Culture)	
3.15-3.45	Refreshments	
3.45-4.50	Session 6: Panel K (Artificial Intelligence) and Panel L (Anne Brontë)	
4.50-5pm	Short break	
5pm-6pm	Keynote: Professor Ruth Livesey	
6pm-7pm	Wine reception	
7pm	Those wishing to go to dinner with others please meet outside the 'Lecture Theatre'	

## **Conference Day 3**: Saturday 21st September

9.30-11am	Session 7: Panel M (Women in Periodicals) and Panel N (Literature and Belief)
11am-11.30	Refreshments
11.30-1pm	Session 8: Panel O (Death, Eschatology and Hell) and Panel P (Women and Public Space)
1pm	The meeting rooms will be available until 2pm for those wanting to eat a packed lunch

# **Conference Day 1** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

1-1.45	Registration/ arrival		
1.45-2.45	Keynote: Professor John Bowen, 'Forgiveness in Flames: Great Expectations and the Event'		
3-4.30	Session 1	Panel A: SCIENCE OF LIFE Chair:	Panel B: EMPIRE Chair:
		Kamilla Elliott, 'Oliver Twist and the Survival of the (a)Cutest' Kiera Evans, 'Ideology on Display: Eugenics at Royal Society Soirées' Amber Regis, Richard W. Hayes, 'Aesthetes in the Woods: The Pastoral Players' Productions of As You Like It'	Yasmin Akhter, '"The events of my life are too manifold!": Exile and its Aftermaths in the Life-Writing of Emily Reute' Fariha Shaikh, '"Unless I am allowed to tell the story of my life in my own way, I cannot tell it at all': Nineteenth-century Women, Life-Writing and Empire
4.30-5	Refreshments		
5-6.30	Session 2	Panel C: CLASS AESTHETICS Chair:  McCormick-Kilbride, 'Voice, Votes and the Vocative Mood: The Northern Star Poetry Column and The New Chartist Hymnbook' Judith Tulfer, '"Will Relieve His Horses and Cattle from all Witchcraft": The Use of Written Charms in Mid Wales during the Great Agricultural Depression' Jo Carruthers, 'Prejudice as Event: Rough Workers in Charlotte Brontë's Shirley'	Panel D: THEATRICAL TRANSMEDIATIONS Chair:  Patricia Smyth, 'Book Illustration and Stage Adaptation: Jack Sheppard and Oliver Twist' Sarah Meer, 'Theatrical Adaptation and Song: Green Bushes and Rory O'More' Hayley Bradley, 'Stage Plays and Novel Adaptation: Powerful Dramatic Tales'

# Conference Day 2 – Friday 20th September

9.15-10.45	Session 3	Panel E: POETRY Chair:  Anna Barton, ' "M. E. Coleridge's 'The Other Side of a Mirror": Late Victorian Lyric Event' Pritika Pradhan, ' "Apotheosis of the Insignificant": Elevating Non-Events in Robert Browning's "The Ring and the Book"	Panel F: ENVIRONMENT Chair:  Joanna Taylor, Wild Processes: Bewilderment in Victorian-era Corpora Clara Dawson, Moving Birds: Poetry, Migration and Collecting in the Nineteenth Century Matt Kerr, Flotsam, Lagan, Litter: Waste, Imperialism, and the Sea Before Plastic
10.45- 11.15	Refreshments		
11.15-12.45	Session 4	Panel G: SUPERNATURAL Chair:  Melissa Raines, ' "I, all-forgotten": Victorian Spectres in Joel Anderson's Lake Mungo' Sarah Dutson, 'we notice the table': The Séance Event in Neo-Victorian Gothic' Reiko Suzuki, "The Brownings on Spiritualism'	Panel H: ETHICS AND AESTHETICS Chair:  Ushashi Dasgupta, Dickens and a House Collapse on Tottenham Court Road Madeline Potter, "Shudder and bitter flavours': Ruskinian Gothic Aesthetics in George Eliot's "The Lifted Veil' and Middlemarch Athanassia Williamson, Free Indirect Style in George Eliot's Moral Realism
12.45-1.45	Lunch		

1.45-3.15	Session 5	Panel I: CARE-GIVING: GEORGE MACDONALD, DORA GREENWELL, OLIVE SCHREINER Chair:  Hilary Bedder, 'Plant Ethics in the Narratives of Olive Schreiner' Elizabeth Ludlow, Storytelling, Fundraising and Eschatology in 1860s Women's Writing: Adelaide Proctor, Isa Craig and Dora Greenwell Amanda Vernon, Just What the Doctor Ordered: Communal Reading and Theological Nourishment in George MacDonald's Adela Cathcart	Panel J: PRINT CULTURE Chair:  Jonathan Potter, 'Information as Event: Miscellany, Notice, and Event in the Periodicals of the 1830s' Laurel Brake, 'The New Book in the News Agenda: Book Reviews and Journalism' Clare Stainthorp, 'The British Freethought Movement and Periodical Forms'
3.15- 3.45	Refreshments	in deorge MacDonald Structu duction t	
3.45-4.50	Session 6	Panel K: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Chair:  Adrian Wisnicki, 'Geneative Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Victorian Studies'	Panel L: ANNE BRONTË Chair:  Amber Regis, 'A Prefatory Event: Anne Brontë and her Readers'
		Sally Blackburn-Daniels and Matthew Bradley, 'Turn-of-the-Century Aesthetics in the Age of AI: Vernon Lee and Rafik Anadol'	<b>Heather Wardlow</b> , 'The Death of the Alcoholic Husband in Mid-Victorian Literature'
4.50-5.00	Short break	,	
5.00-6.00	Keynote: Professor Ruth Livesey: 'Provincial Commons: George Eliot, D.H. Lawrence, F.R. Leavis and the Stories of English Lit'		
6.00-7.00	Wine Reception		

### Conference Day 3: Saturday 21st September

		Panel N: LITERATURE AND BELIEF
	Chair:	Chair:
	Importance of Author Attribution Projects' Gillian Walters, ' "Prematurely sere and old": Periodical Publishing and Emily Hickey's 'A Dead Worker' Jane Ford, 'Intertemporality and impact "events": A	Bethany Gilbert, "The Sacramental System": Analogy in John Keble's <i>The Christian Year</i> Emily Lysne, John Henry Newman on the Act of Belief, and Belief in What We Want to Believe In Lauren Spohn, Romancing the Daughter of Time: History, Poetry and Theodicy in Newman and Carlyle
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	Panel O: DEATH, ESCHATOLOGY AND HELL Chair:	Panel P: WOMEN AND PUBLIC SPACE Chair:
	Victorian Lazarus Narratives and the Event of Resurrection  Karen Gardiner, The Final Event: "What if Death was one of us?": Victorian Eschatology expressed in Personifications of Death  Ruth-Ann Walbank, "The deep hell of ills": Exploring hellscapes as working-class poetry from	Kate Newey, Making Theatrical Empires: Women's Transnational Theatrical Exchanges in the Nineteenth Century Kathryn Poole, Dinah's Proclamations of Love Katherine Fry, The Victorian "Poetess" and the Musical Marketplace
You're welcome to eat any bought lunches in the 'Reading Room' – the conference organising team will be around for any last-		
S	reshments sion 8	Gillian Walters, ' "Prematurely sere and old": Periodical Publishing and Emily Hickey's 'A Dead Worker' Jane Ford, 'Intertemporality and impact "events": A Case Study in Writing and Printmaking'  reshments  Sion 8  Panel O: DEATH, ESCHATOLOGY AND HELL Chair:  Andrew Tate "Where wert thou, brother?': Victorian Lazarus Narratives and the Event of Resurrection Karen Gardiner, The Final Event: "What if Death was one of us?": Victorian Eschatology expressed in Personifications of Death Ruth-Ann Walbank, "The deep hell of ills": Exploring hellscapes as working-class poetry from the Lancashire Cotton Famine (1861-1865)

Refreshments and lunch on Friday will be provided: location tbc

The conference will end at 1pm but 'The Reading Room' at The Storey will be available for those who want to use them for a packed lunch (not provided).