

WOMEN'S HISTORY NETWORK 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WOMEN AND MIGRATION

ONLINE EVENT VIA ZOOM

Friday 1 September 9am to 5pm

Saturday 2 September 10am to 5pm



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Keynote Addresses:

Dr Camillia Cowling, University of Warwick

Dr Antara Datta, Royal Holloway, University of London

Plus over 30 papers exploring gendered experiences of migration across the globe, from the early modern period to the present

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Women's History Network Annual Conference 2023: Women and Migration

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Friday 1 September:

9:15 – 10:45: Panels 1 and 2 in parallel

11:00 – 12:15: Keynote 1: Camillia Cowling

12:15 – 13:00: Lunch break

13:00 – 14:30: Panels 3 and 4 in parallel

14:45 – 16:00: Generation2Generation

16:15 – 17:30: Panels 5 and 6 in parallel

17:45 – 18:45: Women's History Network AGM (all are welcome)

Saturday 2 September:

10:00 – 11:00: day 2 welcome/lightning round

11:00 – 12:15: Keynote 2: Antara Datta

12:30 – 14:00: Panels 7 and 8 in parallel

14:15 – 15:15: The Basque Refugee Children Association

15:30 – 17:00: Panels 9 and 10 in parallel

About the conference

Each year, the Women's History Network holds an annual conference, exploring women's history through a particular theme. The theme of this year's conference is gender and migration. Migration is gendered and historically has had a detrimental impact on women. The conference will seek to emphasise women's voices in the experience of migratory experiences across the globe from all countries and periods.

We are delighted to welcome Dr Camillia Cowling (Warwick) and Dr Antara Datta (Royal Holloway) as our two keynote speakers. Dr Cowling's research explores the experiences of enslaved women in eighteenth and nineteenth century Latin America, while Dr Datta will share her research into the experiences of South Asian women migrating to Britain in the late twentieth century. We also welcome speakers from two external organisations, Generation2Generation, a Holocaust education charity, and the Basque Refugee Children's Association, who will share their work. Our panellists will speak on women's experiences of migration across the globe, from the early modern period to the present day, and we are hugely looking forward to hearing their research. Finally, we are also thrilled to see the return of our 'Lightning Round', showcasing emerging women's history research from PGRs.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to: Professor Sarah Richardson, WHN Chair; all WHN committee members who are chairing panels; our presenters, and our technical support team: Rebecca Goldsmith and Sasha Rasmussen. Without all of their support, the conference would be unable to go ahead.

Friday 1 September

Please use the Zoom link to join each panel or talk. You'll join in 'audience mode', meaning that your camera and microphone won't be accessible. Please do ask questions of our speakers throughout: you can put this in the chat box, and the chair will read your question out for you, or you can use the 'raise hand' feature during the Q&A at the end of each panel, and you'll be 'promoted' so you can use your camera/mic to put your question to the speaker directly.

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Panel 1: Migration and work (9:15 – 10:45)

Chair:	Hazel Perry
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88343542546
Martin Walsh	Keeping vigilance over London's Ports and Railway Stations: An analysis of the endeavours of station workers employed by preventative societies to protect women migrants travelling through or settling in London, 1885 – 1945.
Tabitha Lambert-Bramwell	'Hands Across the Sea': Domestic Service, Imperialism and the British Women's Emigration Association, 1884-1914.
Maria Georgouli Loupi	Migrant domestic workers in middle-class households: Greece in the 1990s.

Panel 2: The Lived Experience of Migration: Female Voices from the Scottish, Irish and English Diaspora (9:15 – 10:45)

Chair:	Anna Harrington
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86917604416
Marina Dossena	Scottish Women in the Diaspora: Voices from the Corpus of Nineteenth-Century Scottish Correspondence.
Carolina P. Amador-Moreno	Irish female voices in the <i>Corpus of Irish English Correspondence</i> .
Nancy E. Ávila-Ledesma	On language and migration experiences in nineteenth-century Irish emigrants' correspondence.
Christina Samson	Christina Samson Migrating to India: Voices from the corpus of Victorian women's travel journals.

Keynote 1: Camillia Cowling (11:00—12:15)

Chair:	Diana Paton
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89655211406
Camillia Cowling	Bound Journeys, Freedom Places: Enslaved Women's Stories from Mid-Nineteenth-Century Cuba

Panel 3: Finding and making archives to explore migration (13:00—14:30)

Chair:	Alexandra Hughes Johnson
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86729570538
Olga Topol	Exploring Cultural Diaspora and Curatorial Practice: Female Curators of the Polish Collection at The British Library.

Juliette Masquelier & Aline Thomas	Women on the run (1918-1958): Central government archives from a gender perspective.
Lisa Berry-Waite	Researching the stories of migrant nurses in a government archive.

Panel 4: Gendered experiences of migration in India and Pakistan: (13:00—14:30)

Chair:	Antara Datta
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86394370040
Harmeet Sethi	Women in the partition and forced migration of 1947.
Aparna Bandyopadhyay	The Partition of India, 1947, the Changing Contours of Intimate Relations, and the Evolving Subjectivities of Refugee Women.
Tonmoyee Rani Neog	Material Memory and Partition: A Conversation through The Eroded History.
Rimpi Borah	Imagining homeland(s): Gendered understanding of Citizenship and Migration in Assam.

Talk: Generation2Generation: a Holocaust Education Charity (14:45 – 16:00)

Chair:	Susan Cohen
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87149349642
Diana Cook	The Story of Margot Hodge née Pogorzelski 1920 – 2014

Panel 5: Migration and religion: (16:15—17:30)

Chair:	Norena Shopland
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84842797167
Cécile Boss	The trajectory of an English pedagogue, Marie Butts (1870-1953).
Johanna Taherzadeh Jochumsdottir	Migration, Affective Geographies and Knowledge: Western Women's Religious Journeys to the Middle East Around the Turn of the Twentieth Century.
Andrew Himmelberg	Leaving it Behind? How Ulster's Republican Women Navigated a Changing Ireland.

Panel 6: Gender and shifting cultural and national identities: (16:15—17:30)

Chair:	Maria Georgouli Loupi
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85444143811
Rachel Bright	Becoming British?: women's naturalisation and the politics of identity and desire in early twentieth century Australia.
Stanislava Dikova	Citizenship, sovereignty, and migration in Olivia Manning's <i>Balkan Trilogy</i> .
Mary Ingham	Warbrides with a Difference: post-WW2 British wives of German POWs

Please join us for the Women's History Network Annual Conference, which starts at 17:45. The link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83526718306>

Saturday 2 September

Lightning round: (10:00—11:00)

Chair:	Rose Debenham
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82725861944
Jane Harrison	A present to the Queen of England': Sally Forbes Bonetta's arrival at Victoria's court as mediated through her daughter's eyes.
Laura del Alisal	Emma Goldman's Network of Revolutionary Women: Visualising Migration of Political Activists from 1869 to 1940.
Joanne Kenyon	The National British Women's Temperance Association: the women behind the campaigns.
Rachel Millar	Creating and Curating the Image of Women Workers during the First World War.

Keynote 2: Antara Datta (11:00—12:15)

Chair:	Urvi Khaitan
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85220746992
Antara Datta	Encountering the state: South Asian women at the British border

Panel 7: Gendered experiences of migration in China and its diasporas: (12:30—14:00)

Chair:	Rose Debenham
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81087097506
Jane Berney	Slavery, prostitution and domestic servitude in 19th century colonial Hong Kong.
Yi He	<i>Nineteen Thirty-Four Escapes</i> : The Imaginary Body between the Gender and History.
Sha Zhou	"If your horse dies, walk": exploring Chinese women's agency in their narratives of immigration to Britain.
Yali Chen	Invisible and vulnerable: A study of undocumented Chinese migrant women in Switzerland from a gender perspective.

Panel 8: Personal experiences of internationalism (12:30—14:00)

Chair:	Sarah Richardson
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82240943122
Tara Morton	'She spoke like a negro to the manor born': Suffrage artists, migration, and empire: a case study of Pamela Colman-Smith.
Sasha Rasmussen	La Sorbonne et La Salpêtrière : A Russian Student in Paris, 1900.
Esther Freeman	Milly Witkop: the forgotten mother of the Women's Liberation Movement.
Irina Antoshchuk	Diaspora knowledge networks of Russian-speaking computer scientists: how do female migrants fit in?

Talk: The Basque Children's Association: (14:15—15:15)

Chair:	Anna Muggeridge
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81482212191
Carmen Kilner	1937. Exile: 4000 plus 4

Panel 9: Women and Forced Migration: (15:30—17:00)

Chair:	Anna Muggeridge
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82593552745
Fatima Rhorchi	Women Slaves and Forced migration in early-Modern Morocco.
Susanne Weston	'Comon whores' and 'an ignorant wretch': Female Transportation and The Scottish Privy Council, 1689-1708.
Lesley Dunbar	Exile and Opportunity? - the forced migration of Scottish convict women from Aberdeen to Van Diemen's Land 1835.
Saida Sirazhudinova	Women, ethnicity and migration from the North Caucasus in the context of violence.

Panel 10: Motherhood, Childhood and Migration: (15:30—17:00)

Chair:	Susan Cohen
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89637723096
Gerald Hoare	The Hopes and Aspirations of the 2nd Spanish Republic of 1931.
Frances Hisgen	"We Don't Know What to Do With the Likes of You: Racializing Britishness in the Evacuation of Civilian Women and Children from Colonial Hong Kong, 1939-1941".
Patrícia Álvares	Migration, motherhood and human rights at odds with "the best interest of the child" under The 1980 Hague Convention.