



Association for the Study of Travel  
in Egypt and the Near East

ELEVENTH BIENNIAL ASTENE CONFERENCE

21-24 July 2017 at the University of East Anglia, Norwich



## CALL FOR PAPERS

**Deadline for abstract submission is 19 February 2017**

Please e-mail your offers of papers to [conference@astene.org.uk](mailto:conference@astene.org.uk) together with a working title, a brief abstract of not more than 250 words, and the names of authors and their affiliations. We also welcome the offer of pre-organised panels of up to four speakers on specific themes, similar to the John Frederick Lewis panel at Exeter.

Participants will be informed about the acceptance of their paper by 17 March 2017

Conference Bursaries are being offered – please consult [www.astene.org.uk](http://www.astene.org.uk) for the Application Form.

Those receiving a Bursary will be expected to give a paper at the Conference.

Contributions of papers to the ASTENE Conference are welcome from a wide range of disciplines and interests connected with travel to and from the Near and Middle East. It is envisaged the conference will cover many themes – including, but not be limited to:

- Harriet Martineau, an original thinker, traveller & writer, born in Norwich
- Travel as education, and educators as travellers
- Arabian Peninsula travels and travellers, explorers and visitors
- Travellers in both directions: visitors from the Middle East to Europe, America and elsewhere, and visitors from Europe, America and elsewhere to the Middle East
- European farmers visiting the Middle East to learn about new crops and farming methods
- Artist Travellers to the region: did they have to hide what they were doing
- Freemason Travellers to the region
- Different approaches to reading and interpreting travelogues ...
- ... and more.

The Conference will include a visit to the Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery for talks about the Colman Collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts and the watercolours made by local man the Reverend Edward Daniell during his travels through the Near East. Daniell was a friend of J M W Turner, and David Roberts encouraged him to visit Egypt. The day includes a visit to How Hill, the former home of a Colman family member where the wherry 'The Hathor' will be moored. The wherry is a local shallow draft sailing craft used in the 19<sup>th</sup> century for transporting goods but 'The Hathor' was built for the Colman family to commemorate the family member who died in Egypt and is named after the boat they hired for their journey along the river Nile. The wherry's Egyptianised interiors have yet to feature in any books about Egyptomania or exhibitions about Egyptian Style.

**The Conference Booking Form and Bursary Application Form will be available on [www.astene.org.uk](http://www.astene.org.uk) in December 2017. If possible please book before 23 March 2017 – at the latest by 19 June 2017.**

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