



Thirteenth Biennial ASTENE Conference 2019

**Friday 12 July – Monday 15 July 2019 at the University of York
and the Railway Museum, York**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for abstract submission is 28 February 2019

Dear Colleagues,

We are very pleased to announce that the Thirteenth ASTENE biennial international conference will be held at the University of York from **Friday 12 July to Monday 15 July 2019**.

The Association for the Study of Travel in Egypt and the Near East is the only international forum that meets every two years for the presentation of the latest research on travellers and travel to and from the Middle East and Egypt from the earliest times to the end of the Ottoman Empire (1922). A selection of papers is published the following year in time for the next Conference.

Preliminary Call for Papers

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 limited to:

- Lady Mary Worley Montagu, an original thinker, traveller & writer, lived near York
- Travel in classical times and during the Byzantine Empire
- Exploring archaeology through travel accounts
- Travellers from India and the Far East to the Middle East and Egypt
- Pilgrimage and pilgrims as travellers
- Ottoman Empire travels and travellers, explorers and visitors
- The impact of travel writings on Egyptology
- Travelling artists
- Fictional travellers
- Different approaches to reading and interpreting travelogues ... and more.

The Conference will include a visit to the York Railway Museum so we particularly welcome talks on railways and travel by rail in the Middle East and Egypt. The day includes a visit (to be arranged).

If you wish to offer a paper, please send an abstract (of not more than 250 words) to 2019yorkastene@gmail.com on or before **28 February 2019** for consideration by the Conference Committee. Do not send abstracts to any other e-mail address.

Abstracts must include: 1) the name(s) and full contact details and affiliation(s) of the contributor(s); 2) the working title of the proposed paper; 3) what the proposed paper intends to cover; 4) an outline of the approach it will take; 5) an indication of the significance of the topic; 6) five keywords; 7) up to three relevant bibliographical references. Abstracts that are significantly over the word limit may be rejected.

Presentations are limited to 20 minutes, with an additional 5 minutes for discussion.

Due to programme time constraints, and the ever-increasing number of abstracts received, there is no guarantee that all papers will be accepted. The Conference Committee will select those abstracts that are most relevant to ASTENE's themes, clear aims and methodology, well-organized research data and coherent conclusions. As in previous years, the Conference Committee will normally only accept one abstract from any given member.

Only those papers that are actually presented at the Conference will be considered for publication, and they will be subject to editorial and peer review.

Focus Session Proposals

The Committee is happy to consider possible Focus Session Proposals. A Focus Session Proposal must include a minimum of four papers and have a clear focus with the explicit purpose to promote discussion and debate on work currently in progress, the current state of scholarship, issues involved in the application of new approaches and models, etc. A proposal for a Focus Session should include a summary of up to 200 words outlining the purpose of the Session, along with individual abstracts formatted as outlined above and the name of the person coordinating the session. The Committee will still consider each focus session abstract individually. A Focus Session chair may be nominated by the proposer but a final decision on this will remain with the Committee.

Posters

The Committee is happy to receive submissions for the presentation of research posters. All posters presented at the Conference must have an abstract approved in advance by the Committee; other posters will not be accepted. The deadline for the submission of poster abstracts is 31 May 2019. For further information please see the ASTENE website and contact 2019yorkastene@gmail.com

Registration

The Conference Booking Form and Bursary Application Form will be available on www.astene.org.uk from 1 January 2019 with the deadline for bookings being 31 March 2019.

Participants will be informed about the acceptance of their paper by 17 March 2019

Conference Bursaries are being offered – please consult www.astene.org.uk for the Application Form.