Call for Papers: The Institute of English Studies London Nineteenth-Century Postgraduate Colloquium IV

When: Saturday 10th September 2016
Where: The Court Room, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU
NB: This is a free event for both attendees and those giving papers. Lunch provided.

Why is the nineteenth century frequently characterised as unwieldy, complex, and expansive? How are we to negotiate the many dichotomies which defined the age? In what ways might we approach the competing forces of Victorian technology and tradition, science and superstition, wealth and poverty, and professionalism and amateurism?

This ambitious one-day colloquium funded by the Institute of English Studies, will celebrate and unpick the nineteenth century in all its complexity by considering the Victorian age at large across literary, philosophical, scientific, and visual cultures of the period. By drawing together postgraduates and early career researchers from a range of disciplines we hope to share insights into and shed light upon the nineteenth-century literary scene. This colloquium also provides a foundation for building professional networks in a friendly setting.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Art History
- Interdisciplinary Victorian Studies
- Adaptations / Neo-Victorian Studies
- Material Culture
- Thing Theory
- Digital Humanities
- History of Science
- History of Medicine
- Canonical and Popular Fiction
- Poetry
- Pre-Raphaelite Studies
- Victorian Technologies
- Print Culture
- Ephemera
- Queer Theory
- Gender
- Childhood
- Critical Theory
- Biography/Diary Studies
- Correspondence
- Aestheticism and Decadence
- Cosmopolitanism
- Intertextuality / Influence
- Travel Writing

Proposals of up to 200 words for papers of 15-20 minutes should be sent to ies.conference2016@outlook.com by 31st July 2016 accompanied by a short biography. The committee will confirm receipt of your paper.