SGNCS
Society for Global
Nineteenth-Century Studies

Additional Guidelines for Poster Event

As part of its first world congress to be held in Singapore from 19 to 22 June 2023, on the theme of "Comparative Empire," the Society for Global Nineteenth-Century Studies invites proposals for **Posters**.

In parallel with the papers presented, the poster session aims to encourage more discussion, collaborative thought, and dynamic interaction. (Please see our CFP for details on specific topics.) Posters will be displayed in our expo area for the duration of the conference, and participants of the world congress will be able to view them at their own leisure and engage presenters in conversation.

If you're interested in presenting a poster, **please submit an abstract (200-250 words), brief biography (80-100 words), and full contact information in a single pdf or Word file to societygncs@gmail.com**.

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We encourage presenters to be creative with their posters. Depending on your project, some layouts, graphics, and visual styles will likely be more effective than others. **Please feel free to experiment with different presentation options** (e.g., posters with interactive physical elements and add-ons, posters of varying dimensions where appropriate to the topic, posters that are more image- or text-based, depending on the subject and/or field).

If you're new to this format, however, here are some suggestions on how to make an effective poster:

1. Maximise visibility
   - Academic posters typically follow these dimensions
     - Size of poster: A0 (1189 x 841mm)
     - Clear, readable font
     - Minimum font size: 72 (title), 54 (subtitle), 32 (text)
   - If you're not following these specifications, be sure to keep your design sizeable nonetheless so it can be spotted from a distance

2. Streamline presentation
   - Bullet points or bite-sized text render information more accessible and digestible—especially for viewers new to your work
   - Images could be useful talking points and are sometimes more effective than text in encapsulating key ideas
   - Dividing your poster into sections can heighten clarity and illuminate the flow of your presentation

3. Vary your design features
   - A mixture of textual and graphical elements adds dynamism to your presentation
   - A small, coordinated palette of different colours or tones may be useful for highlighting key points and organising the poster's content visually

4. Other technical notes
   - Posters can be designed using PowerPoint (other software and approaches are welcome too)
     - Customise your slide size to your desired dimensions (for example, A0: 1189 x 841mm) to create a working canvas
     - Use PowerPoint's zoom function to help visualise how your material will look once printed out and on display
   - Using high resolution images (where possible) minimises distortion when printing the poster
   - A bibliography and relevant citations will help viewers follow up on your research and ideas

Please feel free to write to us if you have any other queries about the poster event.