



ROYAL STUDIES NETWORK

RSN Digital Seminar Series Call for Proposals/Recommendations

The Royal Studies Network is delighted to announce the establishment of a new digital initiative for our members – the *Royal Studies Network (RSN) Digital Seminar Series*.

Who are we?

The RSN is a global scholarly network dedicated to providing educational resources, scholarly connections, and highlighting current research on all aspects of monarchical history. The RSN began at the first Kings & Queens conference series formed in April 2012 and is also the inspiration for the establishment of *Royal Studies Journal*. To date, we have over 500 members around the world.

Why the Digital Seminar Series?

As part of our ongoing commitment to engaging and connecting our members, especially in the face of COVID-19, we will be starting a regular digital seminar series to be launched in January 2021. The seminar series will not replace the Kings and Queens conference series, but rather serve as an additional means of disseminating research and providing opportunities for informal peer-review feedback on new research relating to royal studies. The Digital Seminar Series will also provide a platform to help scholars enhance their professional engagement and outreach activities to reach a wide, international audience and can also provide late-stage doctoral students, postdocs and early career researchers with an opportunity to enhance their CVs and networks while disseminating their research.

What does the Digital Seminar Series look like?

Based on feedback from the community, the Digital Seminar Series will take place every third Monday of the month at 5:00 pm UK/UTC/GMT (6:00 pm/CET; 12:00 pm/EST-US). These live digital seminars will be recorded for members to access after the event. The digital format enables us to provide a platform for the seminars occur in a variety of formats: standard, panel, interview/discussion, and workshop. The standard format consists of a 45-minute presentation with 15 minutes for audience questions. The panel format centres on 3 to 4 presentations at 15-20 minutes each, followed by panel discussion and/or 15 minutes for audience questions. The interview/discussion format provides opportunities to spotlight scholars, projects, and publications. Finally, the series can also host practical workshops to the RSN community to enhance skills, raise awareness of the contents of a particular collections/archives and more.

Call for Proposals/Recommendations

To kick off this new digital initiative, we are opening our call for proposals/recommendations for the Digital Seminar Series. If you are interested in giving a seminar presentation, delivering a panel seminar, recommending a senior scholar or exciting project for the basis of an interview, or conduct a workshop, please send a proposal or recommendation to royalstudiesnetwork@gmail.com. Proposals must be 300 words max.

NOTE: For paper or panel abstracts, include length and arrangements, names of all participants (if a panel), and recommend a panel chair. For interviews, include a bio of recommended scholar or project, a brief statement of their impact/contribution to the RSN community, and a person to conduct the interview. For workshop proposals, include workshop lead, length, arrangements, and workshop content.

For consideration in the 2021 series, proposals/recommendations must be received by **1 December 2020.
After this date, we will continue to accept proposals/recommendations for ongoing consideration.**

If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions, please send them to royalstudiesnetwork@gmail.com

We look forward to receiving your proposal and recommendations!