

Women's Studies Group Annual Workshop: Sunday 18th May 2025, at the Foundling Museum, London, WC1N 1AZ Registration 11 a.m; event ends at 4.30 p.m.

Meeting and Greeting in (im)Polite Society Keynote by Professor Penelope Corfield: 'Female Salutations in Britain in the Long Eighteenth Century: Deep Curtseying, Bobbing, Kissing ... and Shaking Hands'.

Keynote Abstract: Greetings are dynamic. They can be given politely or rudely. They also change significantly over time. So women, when giving or receiving salutations, have to stay alert and make choices – as Penelope Corfield explains in her keynote lecture, focusing upon Britain in the long eighteenth century.

Five-minute presentations by participants are invited; some suggested topics are:

- Conventions of politeness, codes of conduct, dress, etiquette books
- Movement between spaces- coffee houses, balls, libraries; public versus private behaviour
- Social interactions within and between classes or different global cultures
- Shyness, faux pas, social embarrassment, ostracism
- Epistolary conventions; Letters to magazines
- Printed texts: addresses to the reader; prefatory 'apologies'
- Bad behaviour: feuds and snubs; public disorder

Details: Registration 11 a.m; event ends at 4.30 p.m. Sandwich lunch (meat and vegetarian) and refreshments included.

Please register before 12th May 2025, using bank transfer, **reference your surname and 'workshop' (or 'w')**

Non-members £27; Members £19; Unwaged members £17

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The Women's Studies Group 1558-1837 annual workshop typically takes place at [The Foundling Museum](#), London. The one-day workshop includes lunch, as well as refreshments, in the booking cost. The day always follows the same format: a distinguished invited speaker provides the keynote in the morning, followed by discussion and lunch; then participants each give a 5-minute presentation on a subject relevant to the theme of the keynote, followed by discussion, and then the close of the workshop. Previous speakers have included [Professor Judith Hawley](#) of Royal Holloway, University of London, [Professor Laura Gowing](#) of King's College London, Professor [Jeanice Brooks](#) of the University of Southampton, Dr Karen Lipsedge of Kingston University and Dr Emma Newport of University of Sussex.