

Sea Changes: The fairytale Gothic of mermaids, selkies, and enchanted hybrids of ocean and river



6 September, 2025 to 8 September, 2025

Note: All times are BST (GMT + 1)

Conference Timetable

<i>Start Time</i>	<i>End Time</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Room</i>
6 September, 2025			
09:15	09:30	Welcome	Teams Conference Room 1
		Assoc. Prof. Sam George	OGOM Project; University of Hertfordshire
09:30	10:30	Parallel Session: Panels 1 and 2	
10:30	11:30	Plenary 1: Forging the mermaid in Romantic Scotland	Teams Conference Room 1
		Dr Katie Garner	University of St Andrews
11:30	11:45	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:45	12:45	Session: Panel 3	
12:45	13:45	Lunch	

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13:45	14:45	Parallel Session: Panels 5 and 6	
14:45	15:30	Mermaid Flash Fiction Dr Daisy Butcher	Teams Conference Room 1 University of Hertfordshire
15:30	16:30	Parallel Session: Panels 7 and 8	
16:30	16:45	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:45	17:45	Plenary 2: A reading from the memoir Ring of Salt, drawing on the Selkie myth Betsy Cornwell	Teams Conference Room 1 Writer
17:45	18:00	Closing remarks and instructions for Days 2-3 at the British Library Assoc. Prof. Sam George	Teams Conference Room 1 OGOM Project; University of Hertfordshire

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11:00	11:15	Registration - tea and coffee	Lobby
11:15	12:15	Introduction and Plenary 3: The luck of the Ningyō: Hybridity and the rise of the fake museum mermaid Assoc. Prof. Sam George	Eliot Room OGOM Project; University of Hertfordshire

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12:15	13:15	Parallel Session: Panels 9 and 10	
13:15	14:00	Lunch and Exhibition	
14:00	14:45	Parallel Session: Panels 11 and 12 (2 papers each)	
14:45	14:55	Tea/Coffee Break	
14:55	15:55	Parallel Session: Panels 13 and 14	
15:55	16:55	Parallel Session: Panels 15 and 16	
19:00	21:00	Conference Dinner	

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08:30	08:50	Registration - tea and coffee	Lobby
08:50	09:50	Parallel Session: Panels 17 and 18	

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09:50	10:50	Plenary 4: Mermaid glitter: Fish scales, queer plastic and vibrant femininities Prof. Catherine Spooner Lancaster University	Eliot Room
10:50	11:00	Break	
11:00	12:00	Parallel Session: Panels 19 and 20	
12:00	12:45	Session: Panel 21 (2 papers)	
12:45	13:30	Lunch	
13:30	14:30	Parallel Session: Panels 22 and 23	
14:30	15:30	Parallel Session: Panels 24 and 25	
15:30	15:40	Tea/Coffee Break	
15:40	16:40	Session: Panel 26	
16:40	16:55	Closing Remarks Dr Bill Hughes Open Graves, Open Minds Project	Eliot Room