

SOCIETY FOR NAME STUDIES
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THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Spring conference April 11-14th 2025
Stirling Court Hotel, University of Stirling, Scotland

Second Circular



We are pleased to announce our 31st conference is being organised by Prof Thomas Clancy and Dr Sofia Evemalm-Graham. It will be held at the Stirling Court Hotel, which is situated on the leafy campus of the University of Stirling. There will be a full programme, beginning with an **opening lecture** on the environmental and social history of the Stirling area by Prof. Richard Oram of the University of Stirling on the evening of Friday 11th, and full days of **papers and project reports** on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th, including a **coach trip** on Sunday afternoon to Dunblane Cathedral and Doune Castle.

The hotel, which is part of the University of Stirling, is very well set up with conference facilities, and has excellent transport links by rail and bus. There are also plentiful parking facilities at the hotel itself. For details on getting there, see <https://www.stirlingcourthotel.co.uk/find-us-parking>

The campus of the University of Stirling is a spacious and green one, overlooked by the Ochils. There are a number of monuments within a half hour's walking distance: Logie Kirk, the Wallace Monument, Stirling Old Bridge; and the historic town of Stirling with its castle is a short bus-ride away.

We are also arranging a pre-conference student/post graduate/early career event which will be held on the Friday afternoon (specific times TBA and can be made flexible depending on travel arrangements of attendees). The event is free to attend for conference delegates. Any non-member student members wishing to attend are asked to register as a student member (£5 per annum).

To register an expression of interest please contact Dr Sofia Evemalm-Graham Sofia.EvemalmGraham@glasgow.ac.uk

ATTENDING THE FULL CONFERENCE ON RESIDENTIAL BASIS

The full cost per member (SNSBI/SPNS/WPNS) per person:

single occupancy is £327 DB&B + £70 conference fee + £20 field trip.

double occupancy is £357 DB&B (for two) + £70 conference fee per person + £20 field trip

Please book your accommodation directly with the hotel using the link below using the dates 11 and 14th of April and promo code **297349**

[Hotel and Venue in Stirling | Stirling Court Hotel](#)

Book the conference fee + field trip with SNSBI using google form

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ATTENDING AS DAY DELEGATE

Residential delegates full conference fee £70 incl. Friday to Sunday presentations, Refreshments, lunch but excl coach trip.

Non-residential day delegate fee (per day) £40 incl refreshments, lunch.

Conference dinner £35 (for day delegates who are not residential - per day)

You will need to book with SNSBI for your conference fee and coach trip. The day delegate fee includes tea breaks and lunch, but not dinner.

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To book dinner with the group please book directly with the hotel using the booking code 297349 for the date(s) you require dinner.

[Contact Us | Stirling Court Hotel](#)

Booking deadline with the hotel is 24th of February. For anyone booking after that time we cannot guarantee price or availability.

EXTRA NIGHTS

Further nights can be booked at the price of £79 per room or £119 for DB&B. To book extra nights, use a new booking and don't quote the promo booking code. Please note if you use a third-party hotel booking service, the SNSBI conference package will not apply and you have to buy your meals separately and will not be seated with us for meals.

COACH TRIP

The coach trip to Dunblane Cathedral and Doune Castle (including entrance fees) will be circa £25 booked separately. This will be supported by historical and onomastic talks and guidance from Prof. Dauvit Broun and Dr Peter McNiven. It will take place on the Sunday afternoon between 1300 and 1730.

Conference Programme:

Speakers and topics currently include: John Baker (Nottingham), tbc; Sofia Evemalm-Graham (Glasgow) on Death and Iona place-names; Peder Gammeltoft (Bergen) on AI and onomastics; Jake King (UHI) on the names of islands in Loch Lomond; Peter Kitson on adjectives and river names; Chris Lewis on the transferred name Cuilfail; Peter McNiven on the place-names of the Stirling area; Conchubhar Ó Crualaoich (Dublin), on evidence for Welsh settlers in place-names in Ireland; Justin Ó Gliaáin (Dublin), on Scottish influence on Donegal place-names; Aengus Ó Fionnagáin (Limerick) on the Irish Schools Folklore Collection and minor place-names; Bill Paterson on Eldbotle and other names in Dirleton parish.

**There is still some room on the programme, so do please get in touch with Thomas Clancy with proposals:

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Keep an eye on [SNSBI: homepage](#) for more information on the programme as and when it becomes available.

The Society has available a number of bursaries for students of onomastics of up to £150 towards the cost of the conference. Please submit an email from your supervisor to treasurer@snsbi.org.uk confirming your status to apply. The bursary will be discounted from the conference fee and any remainder will be paid to the applicant toward the cost of the hotel.

