

Call for Papers

Place in the Victorian Periodical Press



J. Gellatly, 'Stirling Castle': Engraving of a work by J. M. W. Turner

The Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (RSVP) will hold its annual conference in **Scotland at the University of Stirling, June 13-15 2024**. The conference will be primarily in-person, although it will include some online sessions, as well as opportunities to attend the Woolf and Colby lectures and the RSVP annual business meeting remotely.

Much has changed in the decade since the RSVP Conference last focused on Place (2014 in Delaware). In Stirling in 2024, we will revisit the theme, a return that will allow us to consider changes in Periodical Studies as well as the academy in these years. Papers addressing any aspect of nineteenth-century British periodicals or newspapers are, as ever, welcome, but RSVP particularly encourages proposals for talks (or panels) on the topic of place. Areas of focus might include:

- The representation of different types of place and locality, including the host country of Scotland
- Placemaking and the periodical press
- Place and the production and consumption of periodicals
- Content placement within the periodical press
- Changing places and changing relationships between periodicals, contributors, editors, publishers and readers
- Resisting/imposing place: knowing one's place; pushing against one's given place; being put in place
- Anchored in/dislocated from place
- Finding places for teaching Victorian periodicals

Submission Guidelines: The RSVP conference committee invites proposals for individual papers, panels (3-4 presenters), and roundtables (max. 6 people). Proposals must be submitted via RSVP's digital application portal by **15 November 2023**: https://rs4vp.smapply.io/prog/rsvp_conference/. Acceptance decisions will be sent out by mid-December.

Hybrid Options: We plan to make plenaries and keynote addresses available in a hybrid format. We are also planning for a limited number of slots for remote presentations in a hybrid setup at the local conference. When submitting your abstract to the portal, an option for "remote presentation required" will be provided. If you have any questions regarding this hybrid option, please email the conference organizers: communications@rs4vp.org.

Further information about local arrangements will be posted in due course on the RSVP website, www.rs4vp.org.