

**45th Annual Conference | 45 colloque annuel**  
**LONDON, 14.05-16.05.2024**

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**Aga Khan Library**

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**N.B. For those attending online:**  
**The conference link will be emailed to you a few days before the**  
**conference. Attending the conference online is free of charge**

## 1. Venue

The address for the **Aga Khan Library** is:

**Aga Khan Centre**  
**10 Handyside Street**  
**Kings Cross**  
**N1C 4DN**

The Aga Khan Centre is located in the northern section of the Kings Cross area, behind the University of the Arts London - Central St. Martins (UAL-CSM) and very close to Coal Drops Yard.

### How to get here via public transport

The Aga Khan Centre is a 10-minute walk from St Pancras International train station and King's Cross train and underground stations.

Leaving the stations and keeping King's Cross station always to your right, start your journey from **Battle Bridge Place**. We recommend you walk along **King's Boulevard**, a pedestrian route going north. At the end of King's Boulevard, on your left, you will see a clothes shop called *&Other Stories* and in front of you two pedestrian crossings over the canal towards **Granary Square**.

Cross the canal and walk towards the left corner of the large brick building that houses some restaurants and cafes. At the corner, turn right and follow **Stable St.**, leaving **Coal Drops Yard** to your left. You will find the Aga Khan Centre at the end, besides **Lewis Cubitt Park**.

If you are coming by bus, the best option is Route 390. Alight at Stop E (Copenhagen St/York Way).

Further bus lines will drop you outside Kings Cross station, lower York Way, and Euston Road (10, 17, 30, 45, 59, 63, 73, 91, 205, 214, 259, 476)

For detailed travel information and to plan your journey around London, please visit the [Transport for London Website](#).

Get directions via **Google Maps**: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/H6hmna2riWGxxVEh8>



## 2. On the day of the conference

Conference registration will take place on **Tuesday 14th May** from **9am to 10.15am**.

All conference participants will **meet at the reception of the Aga Khan Centre**, which is at the entrance of the building. Here, you will register for the conference, pay your dues, and collect your conference pack, which will contain your conference badge, which you will need to wear at all times in the building, and lunch tokens for the day.

### **! IMPORTANT !**

This year we are collecting the fees in **two different currencies – the conference fee is collected in Euros, the fees for dinner and excursion are in GBP**. Please bring **exact cash in the respective currencies**, depending on your attendance.

Payment is made at the registration point on Tuesday 14th May in the morning.

Until 13th May, EURO-zone account holders can pay via bank transfer **the conference fee only** to the following account: Drechsler, Andreas/MELCom International, DE71 7705 0000 0303 0531 77 at Sparkasse Bamberg, Germany. Please add as purpose of the payment the following: "Conference Fee London 2024", then send an email to [andreas.drechsler@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:andreas.drechsler@uni-bamberg.de) and [Anne-Sylvie.Cathelineau@sorbonne-nouvelle.fr](mailto:Anne-Sylvie.Cathelineau@sorbonne-nouvelle.fr) with subject heading "Conference Fee London 2024 has been transferred to account n. DE71 7705 0000 0303 0531 77 at Sparkasse Bamberg, Germany". In the body of the message, please indicate your full name, affiliation and contact details (address, phone number and email).

Coffee and refreshments will be provided on all days of the conference.

## 3. Conference Dinner

Our venue for the Traditional Conference Dinner has changed and will now take place on Wednesday **15th May** at [Queen of Sheba Restaurant](#), by Paddington station. The address is: [3-4 Bouverie Place, London W2 1RE](#). We will meet at 18:45 at the entrance to the building.

## 4. Excursion

The excursion will take place on **Friday 17th May**. The coach will leave at **09:00** am from the Aga Khan Centre, Handyside Street. We should arrive at Kew Gardens by 10:00. At 10:45 a guided tour is arranged to introduce the gardens, highlights and key features.

To end the day at Kew gardens, a Thames River boat cruise will be booked from Kew Gardens to Westminster.



*Image 1 Aerial view of Palm House at Kew Gardens / credit RBG Kew.*

### **Itinerary for the day:**

08:30 Assemble outside the Aga Khan Centre

10:00 Arrive at Kew Gardens

16:00 Assemble at the Kew Gardens Pier

16:30 Depart for the river cruise

18:00 Alight at Westminster Pier



*Image 2 Yoshi Cherry Tree at Kew Gardens / credit RBG Kew*

Keep in mind that late spring weather in London can be sunny but also rainy and chilly. Temperatures can range between 16°C and 9 °C in May, the average temperature being 13,3 °C. There are on average 17 rainy days in this month. We recommend packing for potentially chilly and rainy weather. Layering is recommended!

## 5. Emergency contact details

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**NB.** Please ensure that you are travelling with the correct documents. Colleagues from the EU must travel with their respective passports, which must be valid for the entire length of their stay. National IDs are no longer accepted at the UK Border Control. (If unsure, please see: [https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2021-11/travel-documents-required-from-eu-citizens-when-travelling-to-the-uk-from-1-october-2021\\_en.pdf](https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2021-11/travel-documents-required-from-eu-citizens-when-travelling-to-the-uk-from-1-october-2021_en.pdf) and <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visiting-the-uk-as-an-eu-eea-or-swiss-citizen>)