

Delegate Information



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PETRA-ENETWORK

**3rd International Conference of the
Petra-E Network:**

Creative Translation in the Age of AI

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University of East Anglia, Norwich and Online



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We are looking forward to welcoming you to the 3rd International Conference of the [Petra-E Network](#), hosted by the [British Centre for Literary Translation](#) at University of East Anglia, Norwich and supported by University of London Institute of Languages, Cultures and Societies.

This information pack covers the following elements:

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We hope this gives you an idea of what to expect from the conference, but we will send more detailed information on the keynote sessions and parallel sessions once our speakers have registered. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

1. Programme

Plenary Speakers: **James Hadley** (Trinity College Dublin) – **Lily Robert-Foley** (Université Paul Valéry–Montpellier III) – **Ricarda Vidal** (King’s College London).

The PETRA-E Network is delighted to announce its third open conference on literary translation, hosted by the British Centre for Literary Translation.

There is much discussion at present about the impact of generative artificial intelligence on the world of literary translation, and translator organisations have been understandably circumspect, but as the perceived threat of AI intensifies, so too does interest in the uniquely human factors that translators bring to their work. This conference will focus on the human creativity that is resistant to the rise of AI – on the extent to which the literary translator can be considered an original author, how creativity and experimentation can be cultivated in the classroom, how a translator’s creativity might need to be constrained and how it thrives on constraints. The focus will be on two questions in particular:

What kinds of creative approach are available to literary translators?

To what extent is creativity in translation (still) the exclusive preserve of human translators?

The conference will provide an opportunity to review historical perspectives, take stock of recent developments and take the creative pulse of literary translation today, in theory and practice.

The programme timings for the conference are attached. Conference registration for in-person delegates will be from 12pm-1pm in the Thomas Paine Study Centre foyer on Thursday 28th May 2026 and the conference will finish at 6pm on Friday 29th May 2026.

There will be a conference drinks reception and dinner on the evening of Thursday 28th May. If you would like to attend this you will need to ensure you select the registration option that includes the conference dinner (more information on fees below).

2. Conference Fees

The conference is supported by funding from the British Centre for Literary Translation, University of East Anglia, the Petra-E Network and University of London Institute of Languages, Cultures and Societies. However, we unfortunately still need to charge subsidised fees to help cover the costs. You can register by [visiting the UEA Store](#). **Please register by Sunday 15th March 2026.**

Please note that conference fees do not include travel or overnight accommodation.

You can find out if your institution is Petra-E affiliated by [visiting the Petra-E website](#).

OPTION 1 - FULL Conference Fee - £120.00

Includes 1.5 days of conference, refreshments, Friday lunch, Thursday drinks reception and conference dinner – £120.00

This fee is for non-PETRA-E Network affiliated academics/translators and the general public.

OPTION 2 - PETRA-E Network affiliated academics and translators / Postgraduate students from any institution / UEA staff and students – £80.00

Includes 1.5 days of conference, refreshments, Friday lunch, Thursday drinks reception and conference dinner.

OPTION 3 - PETRA-E Network affiliated academics and translators / Postgraduate students from any institution / UEA staff and students – £40.00

1.5 days of conference, refreshments, Friday lunch - NOT including Thursday drinks reception and conference dinner.

OPTION 4 - Online Only Participation – £25.00

All keynote sessions will be hybrid, but please note that there may be parallel sessions with only one session available online, in this case you will not have a choice of which sessions you are able to attend.

Before booking please ensure you have read and understood the [booking terms and conditions](#).

The cancellation policy is as follows:

Notice prior to the conference start date:	Percentage of price payable by you:
Less than 14 days	100%
Between 15 and 21 days	50%
Between 22 and 28 days	25%
More than 28 days	0%

3. Venue

We will send you a campus map once you have registered, but you can also [access the online interactive map](#) on the UEA website. The conference will take place at the Thomas Paine Study Centre at the University of East Anglia.

If you have any access requirements please let us know as soon as possible by emailing bclt@uea.ac.uk to allow us to make plans if necessary.



4. Hotel information

Overnight accommodation is available on-campus at the University of East Anglia at [Broadview Hotel](#).

We have negotiated a discount for conference attendees. To book, please visit the [Broadview Hotel website](#) and use the discount code **8BCLT26** to get 8% off your booking. This code is valid over the dates of 26th May 2026 - 31st May 2026.

If you have any queries regarding your accommodation when you are on campus, **Broadview Hotel Reception** is open 7 days per week, 8am-9pm. Telephone: +44 (0) 1603 591918

If you require car parking during your stay at the Broadview Hotel, you may park free of charge in the Main Car Park. The car park is a short 5-minute walk from Broadview Hotel reception. At the entrance to the car park, the barrier will open automatically for you.

You will need to validate your vehicle registration at Broadview Hotel reception upon check in.

Parking is free for the duration of your stay, provided the registration has been submitted.

Alternatively, you could stay at one of the many hotels in Norwich City Centre (15-20 mins bus journey from the university). Please note that only Broadview Hotel guests receive free parking on campus.

5. Meals

All in-person conference fees include refreshments (tea, coffee and a snack) on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning and afternoon. They also include lunch on Friday.

We will ask for any dietary requirements in the pre-event questionnaire once you have registered. We can cater for vegetarians and vegans and a variety of other dietary/allergy requirements.

If you book to attend the conference dinner we will also ask you to make some menu selections in the pre-event questionnaire.

6. Information for online delegates

If you are choosing to attend online you will have access to all of the keynote sessions. You will also be able to attend a parallel session in each of the parallel session slots. We don't yet know how many papers will be delivered online, but once we know, we can then plan how many parallel sessions will be available in-person and how many are online. We will then let you know whether you can choose specific parallel sessions. You will receive a link programme the week before the conference.

All sessions available online will take place via either Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

If you are using the Zoom or Teams apps on your computer, please make sure you update the apps before the conference to ensure you have the latest edition.

We imagine most of you will already have used Zoom for events or meetings. If you are not familiar with the platform you can [find out more on their website](#). You do not need to sign up for a paid account to take part. The platform is free for you to use. You will need a working computer / tablet with a camera and microphone to use Zoom effectively. The [Zoom YouTube channel](#) has various tutorial videos available if there is anything you are unsure about with this platform. However, all you need to do is click on the links that we will be sending you to access each individual session. Please use your actual name on Zoom/Teams so that we can identify you and let you into the relevant rooms where waiting rooms are required.

Please bear in mind that things can take a little longer when working online/hybrid. For example, some people's internet connections may sometimes be struggling, creating a few pauses here and there. We just ask that everyone be patient when the technology is going slowly. We will all be doing our best to make the event run as smoothly as possible, but the nature of working online can sometimes mean a situation is out of our control.

For security reasons please do not share any of the Zoom/Teams links that you will be sent.

7. Papers and Posters

If you are delivering a paper during the parallel sessions, whether that be in-person or online, you will be allocated a 30-minute slot, but presentations should take no more than 20 minutes to allow time for questions.

All in-person venues will have a networked computer equipped with an HDMI cable to allow you to connect up a laptop if desired. We would also recommend you bringing your presentation on a memory stick as a back-up.

The poster session will take place over lunch (12-1pm) on Friday 29th May. We will mount your poster on a display board in the area where the buffet lunch is served. There is no need to prepare a spoken presentation: during that hour, conference participants will have the opportunity to read your poster and discuss your work with you (the poster session will be in-person only). Posters should be A0 in size, please. Make sure your poster features your contact details so that people can keep in touch with you afterwards.

8. Useful Information and Contacts

No Smoking

It is against the law to smoke within any University buildings (this includes electronic cigarettes/vapes). If you are a smoker, you must smoke outside.

Health and wellbeing

If you feel unwell, please stay home to protect others.

Some attendees may choose to wear masks – please respect their decision.

WiFi

Visitors can make use of **The Cloud** WiFi whilst on campus by signing up for an account. This is the same type of public connection that you see in hotels, restaurants and shopping centres.

Do not connect to 'Set-up UEA wireless' - this is for UEA staff and students only.

Please read more information and guidance about campus WiFi services here:

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/web/about/university-information/it-information/information-for-visitors>

Connect to 'The Cloud' Wi-Fi (requires account sign-up)

- Open the WiFi Settings on your device, and connect to 'The Cloud'.
- You may get a pop-up with instructions to help you set-up an account (or login if you are already registered.) If this does not appear, try opening a browser from your device.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to get connected.

The Cloud is not a UEA service, and we are not able to offer technical support.

If you are a student or academic visiting from another institution that uses *eduroam*, you can access the connection on the UEA campus. **For *eduroam* to work, you must have already set it up on your device at your home institution first** (you are not able to sign up for *eduroam* as an individual) *eduroam* should automatically connect, but if you experience issues with the connection, we recommend trying 'The Cloud' instead, as we are not able to offer technical support.

Contacts

For general, non-urgent communication or enquiries relating to the conference, you can email the **BCLT Inbox** at any time: bclt@uea.ac.uk

During the conference you can contact Anna Goode (BCLT Managing Director) on her mobile phone +44 7941 168780.

Health, Safety and Medical services

NHS Walk-in services are available if you feel unwell or suffer from a minor injury when you're away from home. Please note, if you are an overseas visitor to the UK you may be charged for some treatments. <http://www.norwichwalkincentre.co.uk/>

NHS 111 is a free telephone number (from both landlines and mobiles) which you can call 24 hours a day for confidential health advice and information. <https://111.nhs.uk/>

In a critical or life-threatening situation, call 999. If you're on campus, you can also call the UEA Security Emergency line 24/7 on +44 (0) 1603 592222. The nearest A&E department is at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, Colney Lane, Norwich, NR4 7UY. www.nnuh.nhs.uk

9. Travel to UEA

Travelling to Norwich by air - <https://www.visitnorwich.co.uk/travel/airport/>

All teaching will be taking place on campus at the University of East Anglia - <https://www.uea.ac.uk/web/about/information-for-visitors/travel-and-transport>

National Express offer services from most London airports to UEA - <https://www.nationalexpress.com/en>

Trainline is a good website for looking up train travel options - <https://www.thetrainline.com/>

Parking is included in the main university car park ONLY if you are staying in the Broadview Hotel.

Otherwise you will need to pay for parking. Parking charges are high as there are only limited spaces available on-campus and we recommend using public transport to get to and from the university.

[You can read more about parking options on the university website.](#)

10. Social Media

During the conference we will be active on Instagram and it would be great if you could also get involved. If you are active on any social media channels and would like to post during the conference, we will be using the hashtags **#CreativeTranslation #x18**

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