

Access Statement

We are committed to making our conference accessible and appreciate any feedback about actions we can take to serve this goal. If there is a particular aspect of accessibility that you would like to see addressed here, please contact us at ssfh2022@exeter.ox.ac.uk and we will do our best to ensure that those needs are met. Please note that we strive to be an inclusive, accessible conference, but not all requests can be guaranteed. If you have questions, please do get in touch.

For those attending in person

COVID-19

Oxford University has now removed its remaining COVID-19 restrictions. However, it remains important for us all to continue to be considerate and to take steps to minimize the risk of infection. We therefore ask delegates to:

- avoid contact with others if you might be infectious
- respect other people's space
- let fresh air in when indoors
- keep up to date with COVID vaccinations
- respect those who choose to wear a face covering

More guidance is available from the University (<https://www.ox.ac.uk/coronavirus/health/>)

Venue accessibility

Cohen Quad has four fully wheelchair accessible bedrooms, there is level access from the pavement to reception; for entry, wheelchair users should use the bell (87cm from the floor); for exit, there is a push button (117cm) from the floor. The door opens to 101cm. There are two level access toilets in the building. The lifts have doors which open to a minimum of 80cm, are 144cm deep and 106cm wide. They have backlit buttons with braille and audio information.

The Turl Street site, where the Conference dinner will be held, has a lift to access the dining hall, This lift is reached by using a slope up to the door to staircase 3. The staircase door opens to 89 cm and has a threshold of 3 cm. The lift door opens to 81 cm. The lift is 830 cm wide and 142 cm deep. The call button is 114 cm from the floor. The lift buttons are 94 cm from the floor. There is an accessible toilet on the Turl Street site.

Please see <https://www.accessguide.ox.ac.uk/exeter-college> for the full access guide to Exeter College

Microphones & Induction Loop

If you have a personal induction listening device with its own microphone, we are happy to place the microphone close to the speakers, although we still need to assess how to support this option with

remote speakers. Please contact us on ssfh2022@exeter.ox.ac.uk if you're considering this option so we can be sure to find a solution that is compatible with your device and needs.

Quiet Space & Sensory Impact

The Ashdown Room will be available to serve as a **quiet space and welfare room** for any conference attendees who would like to make use of it.

In terms of **sensory impact**, participants will be requested not to use flash photography at the conference or to wear strong scents.

Timing/Breaks

Our current panel schedule includes food or coffee breaks at a maximum of 90-minute intervals, with some margin between panels or speakers.

Seating

If you require to be seated at the front, back, or on an aisle, let us know at ssfh2022@exeter.ox.ac.uk and we can reserve an appropriate space for you.

Online attendance

We will be livestreaming the Keynote Lectures and Hybrid panels via Microsoft Teams. Those we registered to attend virtually will receive a link and instructions in advance of the symposium.

We are hoping to ensure that the keynote lectures are recorded and made available within the subsequent few weeks.

Further resources

City accessibility

More information on the accessibility measures taken by Oxford City Council can be found [here](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20043/disability_and_accessibility). https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20043/disability_and_accessibility This includes information on the accessibility of transport options.

Nearest hospital

The nearest hospital to our venue is the John Radcliffe Hospital. For more information, please [see their website](https://www.ouh.nhs.uk/hospitals/jr/) <https://www.ouh.nhs.uk/hospitals/jr/>

Eating out, Coffee & Drinks in Oxford

We have compiled a list of recommendations for places to eat and drink in Oxford, with links to their websites for accessibility information, at <http://frenchhistorysociety.co.uk/conference.htm>