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Call for Papers

European Britain

In November 2014, the German Association for the Study of British Cultures will tackle a controversial topic: How European is Britain? How are British cultures, history, economy and politics positioned towards Europe?

This is, of course, an issue that is hotly debated in politics at present, when entire political parties in Britain are dedicated to supposedly "liberate" Britain from the influence of the European Union. But the questions go deeper – and they are broader. How was Britain situated vis-à-vis Europe throughout history? Are British cultures imaginable outside a European framework?

These questions concern notions of cultural identities, and they must also be considered within the concepts of inter- and transculturality. They apply to political changes, decisions and their makers as well as to cultures in the widest sense. Both "high-cultural" manifestations, such as philosophy, music, the visual arts, architecture, and literature and "popular" cultural phenomena such as food, fashion, and lifestyles are affected by them.

We therefore invite papers of 30 minutes duration from scholars of British Literary and Cultural Studies and from related disciplines such as History of Art, Music, Architecture, History, Economics, Politics, Philosophy, etc. Selected papers will be published in the *Journal for the Study of British Cultures*.

Please send your proposal, which should include the title of the paper, your name, contact details, a short biographical sketch and a 400-word abstract, to Johanna Marquardt (johanna.marquardt@engsem.uni-hannover.de).

Deadline: 30 May 2014

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