

Symposium on Historical Phonology  
University of Edinburgh  
13–14 January 2014  
Deadline for abstracts: 30th September 2013

A symposium to celebrate Historical Phonology and the forthcoming publication of the Oxford Handbook of Historical Phonology.

Website:

[www.lel.ed.ac.uk/symposium-on-historical-phonology](http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/symposium-on-historical-phonology)

## BACKGROUND

Early 2014 will see the publication of the Oxford Handbook of Historical Phonology. In part to celebrate this, and in part because Historical Phonology is inherently worth celebrating, we are organising a Symposium on Historical Phonology, to be held at the University of Edinburgh on 13th and 14th January 2014.

The Handbook aims to gather together perspectives on phonological change and on the reconstruction of past phonological states from across the discipline. The table of contents is available here:

<http://www.joseph-salmons.net/handbook>

Contributors to the Handbook have been invited to attend the symposium, and those listed below provisionally intend to attend. The symposium will consist of presentations by some of them, the organisers, and anyone else who would like to attend (see the call for papers below). The intention is for the event to be organised informally but to involve serious discussion of theoretical and practical issues in Historical Phonology.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

We would now like to open participation to the symposium to anyone else with an interest in Historical Phonology. The fee for attendance will be minimal. If you would like to present at the symposium, you will need to send in a 250 word abstract explaining what you would like to discuss by 30th September at the very latest. We anticipate that most abstracts will be awarded a poster presentation slot. If more abstracts are received than can be accommodated, abstracts will be selected by the symposium organisers on the basis of the broadness of their relevance, modified by an impetus to ensure that a wide range of perspectives are represented. We welcome abstracts which discuss any aspect of Historical Phonology.

Your abstract should be no more than 250 words long and should explain the issues you aim to discuss and any results or conclusions you have. References may be included, and can be ignored for the word-count. As we hope not to have much, if anything, in the way of abstract reviewing, abstracts should be identified, with the title of your presentation and your name at the top. You should send your abstract as a pdf file by midnight on 30th September (GMT/UTC) as an attachment to an email to: [patrick.honeybone@ed.ac.uk](mailto:patrick.honeybone@ed.ac.uk). Please make sure any phonetic font that you use is embedded in the pdf.

Please see the symposium's website for further details:  
<http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/symposium-on-historical-phonology/>

## ORGANISERS

All those involved in the Handbook have contributed to the symposium in some way. The organisation of the event itself is in the hands of the Handbook's editors:

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