

### **Agenda for the BAFTSS Executive Committee Meeting**

10:00-13:00 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Online: Microsoft Teams

**Attendance:** Einar Thorsen (Chair of MeCCSA), Andy Moor (Open Screens), Jeongmee Kim, Chris O'Rourke and Clare Watson (Lincoln conference organising committee), Liz Watkins, Louis Bayman, Bella Honess Roe, Johnny Walker, Gábor Gergely, Shreepali Patel, Kate Taylor-Jones, Jolene Mairs Dyer, Eve Benhamou, Billy Errington.

**Apologies:** Maria Flood, MaoHui Deng, Sanghita Sen, Davina Quinlivan, Emma Morton.

#### **1. *Open Screens*** (Andy Moor)

- V5 Issue 2 came out on 31/12/22. Aside from its reviews section, this issue is entirely a special collection on 'Teaching Women's Filmmaking' (guest edited by Colleen Kennedy Karpát and Feride Cicekoglu). There are 3 research articles and 3 research practice pieces in there.
- V6 Issue 1 will be Summer 2023: we have 7 research articles currently in review for this.
- Special Collection on Students on Film: this was initially proposed early in 2022 – by Bethan Michael-Fox and Kayu Calver. At our request and following feedback from the Editorial Committee, they sent a revised proposal to us in Autumn 2023 and we will be responding to them about this shortly.
- Open Screens would like to increase the flow of submissions of individual pieces of work – invitation for SIG Special Issues was circulated summer 2022. An invitation/ reminder to be added to next BAFTSS SIG Newsletter and conference/ SIG meeting notes **(LW)**
- Advertise Open Screens in BAFTSS Conference programme and remind delegates about the journal. **(BAFTSS EC to remind Conference Organising Committee at Lincoln)**
- Andy Moor and Sam Colling are running a 1 day conference on Contemporary LGBTQ Screen Cultures in Summer 2023 and intend to develop a proposal for a Special Collection to Open Screens as one outcome from the event. **(AM)**

#### **2. BAFTSS Conference 2023** (Gabor Gergely, Jeongmee Kim, Chris O'Rourke, Thomas Sutherland, Clare Watson)

- Conference submissions: 71 fully waged, 29 PhD and unwaged and 87 not currently members. (JW to follow up)

- There will not be a simultaneous hybrid conference delivery due to technological and financial concerns. Recorded presentations will be facilitated. Panels will be recorded and made available after the conference. **(Conference committee to liaise with LW, LB, BH and JW)**
- Attention is being paid to accessibility concerns including use of ground floor and help with transport from the rail station.
- Accommodation will not be on campus, but in the city. Does UoL have some arrangements for conference rates with local hotels? **(Conference committee to feedback to EC)**
- All BAFTSS Conference Delegates (speakers and attendees) must have current BAFTSS Membership one month prior to and during the conference. This is consistent with previous BAFTSS conferences. BAFTSS Membership secretary to check delegate list 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 and contact any delegates who do not have current BAFTSS membership reminding them to join asap. JW to send list and copy LW into emails – check again after the BAFTSS conference. **(JW, LW, Conference Committee to send email list of speakers and delegates to LW and JW)**
- Plans to remember Brian Winston: possible award; event at university library who have received his book collection/ working notes on his planned publications) **(Conference Committee)**
- Organising committee have drafted an email to send those without membership to sign up a month before the conference **(Conference Committee to send to LW, LB, BH and JW in advance of sending to conference speaker list)**
- GG to circulate draft conference programme and full conference planning schedule to BAFTSS EC next week (one week after EC meeting) **(Conference Committee at Lincoln)**
- After Draft programme is available BAFTSS EC to contact **Conference Committee at Lincoln if they can chair sessions (Conference Committee at Lincoln and BAFTSS EC)**
- Reminder of the list of permanent conference fixtures (e.g. AGM, Publication Awards workshops) to be sent to Conference Organising Committee at Lincoln **(LW- sent to Lincoln on 16 Jan)**
- OC to send EC proposed registration fees prior to publishing them. Aim to maintain a 50/50 or 60/40 balance between registration fees paid by unwaged/waged members **(Conference Committee at Lincoln to send to BAFTSS EC)**
- Publishers tables are being arranged for the conference.
- Possible Brian Winston award – set to one side for this year to be discussed after 2023 conference
- **BAFTSS Postgraduate Research Poster Showcase Deadline 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023** <https://www.baftss.org/pgr-poster-2023.html> All BAFTSS EC to encourage PGRs to submit poster designs. **(all BAFTSS EC) LW to check printing costs at Lincoln (£2.50 cited online?)**
- **GG Reports invitation for Outstanding Achievement Award was declined** Further suggestions for potential Outstanding Achievement nominees to go to GG within the next week **(conference team to discuss and send suggestions to BAFTSS EC to discuss) as soon as possible** (GG to send to LW and BAFTSS EC) **can revisit names previously suggested for the Outstanding Achievement**

## 2.Minutes and Action Points from the September 2022 EC Meeting

Minutes read out and agreed.

### 3. Chair's Report (Liz Watkins)

BAFTSS Conference hosts contacted and agreed for 2024 and 2025.

**Events Grants:** questions to discuss:

- A return to a specific number of grants available in each round? 8 grants per annum.
- The requirement of BAFTSS membership for recipients of travel bursaries supported by BAFTSS funding (this requirement was introduced for Events Grants and SIG funding in Nov 2019). Amend application form to state that any money used for travel bursaries must only be received by BAFTSS members (BH)
- BAFTSS EC asks that recipients of funding acknowledge BAFTSS in advertising the event and advertise the event on the BAFTSS JISCMail List.
- Receipts. BAFTSS continues to ask for receipts from any recipients of BAFTSS Funding. Travel Bursary funds to be paid on provision of receipts after conferences attended. **(LW, EB, BH)**
- **Funding for BAFTSS EC members to attend BAFTSS AGM, conference** all EC members ask their institutions if funding is available to support their attendance at the BAFTSS Conference. If that is not possible then a small amount of support will be available from BAFTSS. This is on the condition that the EC members attending are actively involved in the Executive Committee activities at the conference: Chairing sessions, presenting Publication Awards, Practice Research Awards, PGR Research Poster Showcase, ECR / Job Search Workshop, PGR workshop, Chairing the AGM. BAFTSS EC members at the conference are expected to attend the AGM and short EC meeting. **(LW, BH)**
- Conference Organising Committee agreed that EC members' conference registration fees can be waived. **Thanks to Conference Committee at Lincoln.**
- **BAFTSS Annual General Meeting:** the BAFTSS constitution asks that we notify all BAFTSS members of the agenda, election, time and location of the AGM 1 month in advance (3<sup>rd</sup> March taking UCU strike dates including 1-2 March in to account). BAFTSS EC members who are responsible for specific roles (Chair, Treasurer, PGRs, ECR Affiliated and Independent Researcher rep, Membership Secretary etc – LW will send full list to EC) are required to submit an annual report for the AGM. The Reports will go online and be read through/summarised at the BAFTSS AGM. We need 20% of the BAFTSS Members to attend (read online and vote/ be at the AGM but vote online) to ratify the AGM 2022 Minutes and to be quorate. The AGM then shifts to the Publication Awards and Practice Research Awards which recognise excellence in our subject areas. **Annual reports will be due by 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (not a strike day) so that they can go online ahead of the conference and AGM. (LW to contact BAFTSS EC with further details).**
- **Funding for BAFTSS PGR Researchers/ Independent Scholars – open call to all BAFTSS Members** £150 each for ten bursaries to be advertised. After Conference registration fees and programme advertised **(LW, EB, BE and EM to organise)**
- **BAFTSS EC updates on letters to HEIs.**  
Birkbeck College – letter October 2022  
Falmouth University – November 2022

**BAFTSS Travel Bursaries – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 deadline.**

Two applicants. BAFTSS Membership confirmed on form. The third bursary will be offered in the Spring 2023 round.

- Dr Marion Hallet University of Namur, Belgium. The ideal French woman: Romy Schneider's ambivalent feminine identity in 1970s French cinema. SCMS conference.
- Dr Yushi Hou. University of Southampton 'Interactive Production: The Circulation, Censorship and Cooperation in contemporary Chinese horror' De Westernizing Horror, King's College London.
- Revised Form – see attachment (4a)
- Next round Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (for conferences between 31.5.2023 – 30.11.2023) 3 awards LW to advertise (LW via Facebook Twitter and Jiscmail)

LW proposes. Short 1- 1.5 hour BAFTSS EC meeting around 3<sup>rd</sup>. / 7<sup>th</sup> March to discuss conference final preparations, AGM and Publications Awards.

**4. Treasurer's Report** (Bella Honess Roe)

**University of St Andrews have paid back outstanding conference underwrite. Thanks to the BAFTSS 2022 conference organisers.**

**5. BAFTSS Publications Awards** (Louis Bayman and Mao Hui Deng)

- New category – Student Essay Writing for taught masters and undergraduates (Draft: Louis, Bella, Liz, Johnny)
- LB to circulate reminder. All BAFTSS EC asked to submit shortlists by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (LB)
- Shortlist and results to be combined in to a Power Point Presentation as per 2022 Publication Awards. (LB and MD)
- Shortlisted items (4 per category to be advertised in the month ahead of the conference) (MD LB to liaise with JW)
- Certificates were given for each category when the publication awards were held at face-to face conferences – return to this practice for 2023 conference at Lincoln?
- BAFTSS EC does receive requests for certificates (from members to use in staff reviews, funding applications etc). We have also posted the Outstanding Achievement Award during covid lockdowns. (BAFTSS EC to discuss)
- The duration for capture of publications has moved from the academic year to calendar year, which shortens available reading time and pushes the deadline very close to the conference (EC to discuss)

**6. Practice Research Awards 2023** (Shreepali Patel, Jolene Mairs Dyer)

All BAFTSS EC to encourage their PGRs and contacts to submit work. (all BAFTSS Exec Committee) **Deadline for Submissions: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

**7. Membership Secretary Report/ Website updates** (Johnny Walker)

685 members (down 3 from last EC mtg), of which 415 waged and 265 unwaged, 5 on the new UG/MA tier  
1781 jiscmail subscribers

JISCMail , as host for BAFTSS JISCMail list, experienced technical issues that lasted approximately two weeks. Technical issues affected all JISCMail lists. BAFTSS Members were updated via BAFTSS website, member mailing list and social media (JW, MD, SS, LW). The issues have been resolved (24 Jan 2023)

**8. Social Media Report** Facebook (Sanghita Sen) Twitter (Mao Hui Deng)

**Awaiting reports from SS and MD**

- BAFTSS Facebook page has 1490 likes during its existence. 24 December 2022 - 24 January 2023 has seen 760 page reach, 30 page - visits, 8 new likes. Many visits to the page were seeking information regarding issues with JISCMail. (SS)
- BAFTSS currently has 4205 followers on Twitter, and the number of followers we have has been increasingly all the time (MD)

**9. Graduate Network Report** (Emma Morton, Billy Errington)

Still discussing potential theme for PGR workshop at conference. Currently considering 'PGR precarities in Film, TV and Screen Studies'.

Names of potential speakers to be forwarded to EM and BE.

Contact LW with update (title, duration of workshop, number of speakers) – 31 Jan 2023 (BE EM LW)

**10. New Connections and FTC/ Affiliated and Independent Researchers Rep Report.** (Eve Benhamou)

2023 is ready to go, with six applications that all met the criteria and were accepted. Two further postponed talks from 2022 now scheduled in 2023 as well. 8 in total from Feb-Nov, most in person.

EB to post New Connections Programme on website by early Feb, via mailing list, Facebook group and Twitter, with all individual talks similarly advertised.

ECR has written to point out that the requirement of having a respondent and institution could be difficult; EB has underlined that BAFTSS itself and its SIGs can be of use here. The aim of the scheme is to build connections between ECRs and institutions hosting each research presentation.

BAFTSS EC can say that we are happy to provide help and support in future mailings about this.

Feedback also received that timeframe might be short; although 6 applications were received before January so an extension is perhaps not needed.

Proposed change of conference workshop to teaching and research frameworks. Speaker suggestions also invited. See point 13 on agenda. **(EB and KT)**

**11. ECR Mentoring Scheme** (Mao Hui Deng)

MD currently matching mentors with mentees. (MD)

In future years we can try to push the geographical scope to universities across British Isles (MD – add a line or two to call for mentors and mentees in next round)

**12. Job Search Support Community** (Kate E Taylor)

Plans for a workshop at the conference to start conversations about what members would find useful about things including interview techniques. Potential title, names and budget to be proposed as soon as possible.  
Contact LW further. Information (duration of workshop, number of speakers, title or focus for workshop) 31 Jan 2023 (BE KT LW)

**13. SIG Research Network Report** (Liz Watkins)

- BAFTSS SIGS Newsletter issue 7 is online. [https://www.baftss.org/uploads/1/3/9/8/139813734/baftss\\_sigs\\_newsletter\\_issue\\_7.pdf](https://www.baftss.org/uploads/1/3/9/8/139813734/baftss_sigs_newsletter_issue_7.pdf) (LW)
- Funding reports received from: Colour and Film SIG and Film Philosophy SIG (receipts pending from Film Philosophy event. LW has sent reminder)
- BAFTSS SIG Funding Scheme for £500 per SIG for events between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 – amended form attached . LW has sent info to SIG convenors)
- 14 BAFTSS Special Interest Groups have submitted panels for conference. SIG annual meetings are either online or after SIG panels at the conference (LW has reminder Conference Organising Committee and will contact all convenors)
- **Changes in Convenor:** German Screen Studies SIG: contacted members of the SIG and we've found new convenors (see SIG Newsletter 7). Horror Studies SIG: Kate Egan steps down. Shellie McMurdo and Laura Mee continue. Essay Film: Romana Turina steps down. Jill Daniels continues and is looking for a new co-convenor

**14. Any other business?**

**15. Time and Date of next meeting:** tbc. via Doodle poll