# CALL FOR PAPERS

**SCOTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**a conference of the**

**Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society**

**17–20 June 2025**

## University of Stirling

**Stirling, Scotland**

The annual conference of the ECSSS ([www.ecsss.org](http://www.ecsss.org)) for 2025 will be held at the University of Stirling, Scotland.

We invite proposals for 20-minute papers (or 90-minute panels or round tables) on any aspect of the conference theme, including approaches that are literary, philosophical, theological, historical, scientific or medical, social or political. Papers on other aspects of eighteenth-century Scottish thought and culture are also welcome.

Plenary addresses will be delivered by **Richard Oram**, Professor of Medieval and Environmental History, University of Stirling, on ‘We Need to Talk about “Improvement”: An Environmental History Perspective on “Improvement Era” Scotland’; **Noelle Duckman Gallagher**, University of Manchester, on ‘Disease and the Environment in the Art of Isaac Cruikshank (1764–1811); and **Gerard Lee McKeever**, University of Edinburgh, on ‘Hame and the Unheimlich: Eighteenth-Century Scotland’s Uncanny Environments’.

The conference will be held in the Pathfoot Building on the university campus, with a range of accommodation available in the Stirling Court Hotel and in our halls of residence, all on campus. We expect to arrange an excursion to one of the local libraries founded at the end of the seventeenth century; an evening concert of Scottish street ballads for street and for drawing-room; a walking tour of historic Stirling; and a conference dinner in the Stirling Court Hotel.

Please email a title and one-page description of your proposed three- or four-speaker panel or round table, or your proposed 20-minute paper, along with a one-page cv, by **15 November 2024** to Emma Macleod ([e.v.macleod@stir.ac.uk](mailto:e.v.macleod@stir.ac.uk)) and Katie Halsey ([katherine.halsey@stir.ac.uk](mailto:katherine.halsey@stir.ac.uk)).