

Vernacular Architecture Group
www.vag.org.uk



Call for Papers

Trans-National Connections Vernacular Architecture in Britain & Beyond

College Court, University of Leicester, UK
7-8 January 2023

Vernacular architecture studies in the UK have often focused on the nations that make up the island of Britain – England, Scotland, and Wales – or, more often, on particular regions within those nations. In contrast, this conference will explore patterns that transcend regional and national boundaries, especially the ways in which buildings in different parts of Britain may share features with building traditions elsewhere in the world.

We welcome papers from any time period that explore the relationship between British vernacular building styles and those of the rest of Continental Europe, Scandinavia, Ireland, and the Isle of Man. We are also interested in connections further afield, throughout the British diaspora, particularly in relation to colonial contexts where British building styles and methods were adapted or transformed, as well as where colonial or indigenous building practices influenced British architecture. Papers might explore building types, methods of construction, or use of space, or any other way in which trans-national connections can be found.

This conference will take place in person, but contributions from speakers presenting on Zoom may also be considered. Submissions are encouraged from academics, students, and non-academics alike. A small number of bursaries are available for students or early-career professionals to enable their attendance at the conference.

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be emailed to president@vag.org.uk by 31 August 2022.