

MIDLANDS CONFERENCE IN CRITICAL THOUGHT 2027

Hosted by Birmingham City University

May 20th to May 21st, 2027

Call for Stream Proposals – deadline October 27th 2026

The Call for Stream Proposals is now open for the 4th annual *Midlands Conference in Critical Thought* (MCCT), which will be hosted and supported by the Birmingham City University on May 20th and May 21st 2027.

This will be the fourth MCCT which is an offshoot of the London Conference in Critical Thought (LCCT). As with the LCCT, the MCCT is an annual interdisciplinary conference that provides a forum for emergent critical scholarship, broadly construed. The conference is free for all to attend and follows a non-hierarchical model that seeks to foster opportunities for intellectual critical exchanges where all are treated equally regardless of affiliation or seniority. There are no plenaries, and the conference is envisaged as a space for those who share intellectual approaches and interests but who may find themselves at the margins of their academic department or discipline.

There is no pre-determined theme for the MCCT. The intellectual content and thematic foci of the conference will be determined by the streams that are proposed in response to this call and accepted for inclusion. Successful stream proposals form the basis for our subsequent Call for Presentations; therefore, stream proposals should not take the form of pre-established panels. We welcome stream proposals that aim to stimulate a range of cross-disciplinary responses and which approach critical thought in an open, non-prescriptive way. Past programmes of the MCCT and examples of stream outlines can be found on <https://mcct.margins.org.uk/>

The proposers of accepted streams will become part of the organising collective for the remainder of the annual cycle, taking principal responsibility for their own stream as well as contributing to the MCCT organising collective. For more information about the ethos and structure of the conference please visit <https://mcct.margins.org.uk/> and <http://londoncritical.org>, and if you have any questions please email us at midlandscritical@gmail.com.

The deadline for Stream Proposals is **Tuesday 27th October 2026**. Proposals should not exceed **500 words** and should be sent to: midlandscritical@gmail.com. **Please submit as a word document.**