

**Society for Renaissance Studies
Reference Form**

**Conference Grant
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Closing date: 31 January 2010

Referee: Please complete in typescript and return the form to the Conference Officer, Society for Renaissance Studies, School of Arts and Humanities, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham NG11 8NS. Email references are acceptable and should be sent to claire.jowitt@ntu.ac.uk (please remember to include a grade).

Faxed references are, regrettably, not accepted. It would be much appreciated if you could ensure that your reference arrived by the closing date for the competition indicated above. Please send your reference form only, and do *not* send a copy of the application. Thank you.

1. Applicant:

2. Referee:

Please give your comments on (a) the scholarly importance of the conference or colloquium; (b) the likely impact on the subject area; (c) the focus of the conference programme and theme(s); and (d) the scholarly standing of and contribution to be made by the named speakers. Please also select a grade.

(a) importance: Negligible / Low / Moderate / High / Exceptional (please delete as appropriate)

Comments:

(b) impact: Negligible / Low / Moderate / High / Exceptional (please delete as appropriate)

Comments:

(c) focus: Absent / Weak / Reasonable / Strong / Outstanding (please delete as appropriate)

Comments:

(d) speakers' standing/contribution: Negligible / Low / Moderate / High / Exceptional (please delete as appropriate)

Comments:

Overall grading: please tick grade selected, or delete those that do not apply (see below for definitions)

A+

A

A-

B

R

Signature

Date

Definitions of grades: **A+** an excellent application, top priority for support; **A** a very good application, high priority for funding; **A-** a good application, to be supported if funds allow; **B** an application with good aspects, but reservations either about the proposed programme of research, or the applicant's abilities; **R** not recommended for award.

The policy of the SRS is to maintain strict confidentiality, unless the referee **explicitly** consents to the disclosure of his or her identity. Please indicate below if you are willing for your reference to be disclosed. Otherwise, confidentiality will be preserved and, where necessary to protect your identity, the content of your reference will not be revealed to the applicant.

I am willing for my reference to be disclosed to the applicant Yes No