

CFP: Celebrating 300 Years of *Gulliver's Travels*

Venue: Schloss Muenster (University of Muenster, Germany)

Dates: 25-27 October 2026

On 28 October 2026, *aficionados* of Jonathan Swift all over the world will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of the publication of *Gulliver's Travels*. The Ehrenpreis Centre for Swift Studies, University of Muenster, warmly invites scholars and researchers to participate in *The Eighth Münster Symposium on Jonathan Swift*, dedicated to (the text, contexts, and afterlives of) the Dean's fierce and timeless satirical masterpiece.

Lectures should not exceed 30 minutes (allowing for some discussion time after sessions); we also welcome joint proposals.

Graduate participation is welcome through poster presentations, for which a limited number of travel stipends will be available.

All proposals (max. 300 words), accompanied by a bio-bibliographical note (max. 100 words), should be submitted in English and sent to ecswift@uni-muenster.de by **15 January 2026**. The conference will be held in English. The publication of a selection of revised papers is envisaged.

We invite contributions addressing, but not limited to, the following areas:

- I. Taking stock: The critical history of the *Travels* - achievements and failures
- II. Textual and bibliographical aspects
- III. The meaning of *Gulliver's Travels*: Politics, history, religion, philosophy, science, etc.
- IV. Narratological issues: Narrative – narrator – personae
- V. Generic aspects: Satire, history, travel account, novel, allegory
- VI. Interpretations and readings, exegetical approaches
- VII. Material cultures
- VIII. Afterlives: Translations, continuations, adaptations

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