The North East and Europe: Perspectives on the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

4 December 2026
Sutherland Building, Room 026
Northumbria University

Welcome from the organisers – 1:30 pm

Session 1 – 1:45 pm
Mobilities *(chair: Konstantina Maragkou)*

Wilhelm Levison: Bridging Histories of the North East and Germany in Exile
Sophie Bellamy, Durham University

Immigrant Anarchism on the Peripheries: German and Yiddish Radical Groups in Hull and Leeds
Aileen Lichtenstein, Northumbria University

'Fast and Furious': The February 1953 Soviet Student Delegation Visit to Northern Universities
Robert Dale, Newcastle University

Piercing the Iron Curtain from North-East England: The Campaign for Soviet Jewry in Newcastle and Sunderland, 1971–1989
Avram Taylor, Northumbria University

Session 2 – 3:30 pm
Cultural and Scientific Connections *(chair: Laura O'Brien)*

'Our Talented Tynesider': Operatic Migrations and the Reception of European Music in Late-Nineteenth-Century Newcastle
Bori Papp, Northumbria University

Brian Shefton: A North-East Collector
Andrew Parkin and Sally Waite, Newcastle University

Geordie Freud: European Psychoanalysis in the North-East of England, c. 1930 –2024
Fergus Campbell, Newcastle University

Britain, Europe, and the 1980s: *Auf Wiedersehen, Pet* in Its Time and Ours
Martin Farr, Newcastle University

Concluding Comments 5:00 pm

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