In Britain, as elsewhere, folklore is currently in a peculiar position. Popular interest has rarely been greater. Scholarly research and publication continues. Given its foundation in comparative methodologies, folklore is ideally placed to be at the centre of the interdisciplinary research approaches being championed across academia. However, declining academic funding has marginalised folklore in regard both to other disciplines and to our colleagues internationally.

This conference, therefore, seeks to address key questions within our discipline in terms of its identity and self-definition, its practices and, by extension, its future. Placing British folklore scholarship in its broader international framework the conference seeks to identify and strengthen the reciprocal relationships that exist throughout our discipline. The conference welcomes contributions by scholars working outside the British Isles, and seeks to strengthen the links between British folklorists and the discipline more widely.

The Folklore Society’s AGM (FLS members only) will take place during the conference. The Presidential address by Professor James H Grayson is entitled ‘Chumong and Tan’gun: The Politics of Korean Foundation Myths’. Conference registration will open from 14.30 Friday 17 April at Halifax Hall. Lunch is not provided. Mid-afternoon refreshments will be provided, on the Friday. There will be a wine reception on Friday evening (everyone welcome). This will be followed by an optional conference dinner (price £30). Saturday’s proceedings will begin around 9.00-9.30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. The afternoon sessions will end at around 5.30. Saturday evening, free to roam and enjoy Sheffield. There’ll be a conference pub venue. Sunday’s proceedings will begin at 10.00. Lunch is provided, and a short afternoon session is anticipated.

Full 3 day conference:
Standard Rate: £150 Concessionary rate (speakers, FLS members, students, pensioners, unwaged): £110 Friday’s optional conference dinner, extra £30. Day Rates available.

Accommodation Conference participants must book and pay for their own accommodation. Bed and breakfast accommodation can be booked at Halifax Hall, price £75 per night (add £10 for 2 people sharing room). If you wish to attend the conference, please complete the booking form and return it with your payment of the conference fee to The Folklore Society, c/o The Warburg Institute, Woburn Square, London WC1H 0AB
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The Folklore Society’s AGM Conference, 17-19 April 2015
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   Friday: £30  Saturday: £50  Sunday: £40
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   Friday: £40  Saturday: £60  Sunday: £50

Friday’s Conference dinner (optional extra): £30

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Late Bookings: All bookings must be fully paid for by 1 April 2015. Late bookings may be accepted after that date or on arrival, but, as all catering has to be ordered some time in advance, we may be unable to provide any catering for those who book late.

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