London College of Fashion: Masculinities Hub Online Conference – 21-23 July 2020

Globalising Men’s Style

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Audience: Blackboard Collaborate Guide and FAQs

1. How do I find the conference? I’ve never used Blackboard Collaborate before: what do I need to know?

The audience can access the whole conference using this link https://bit.ly/MasculinitiesHub: you will need to enter your name and surname once you reach the Blackboard site. This will enable you to log-in. Audience members are automatically muted during panels. The Conference Programme is available at https://globalisingmensstyle.wordpress.com/.

Blackboard Collaborate works well on most browsers, but Chrome is preferred. If you’re having problems with audio, make sure that the volume is turned up on your device. If you are experiencing difficulties connecting, you may need to log-out of Blackboard and then log back in.

2. How do I connect? Can I choose which sessions I watch?

As an audience member, you can stay online throughout the days that the conference runs, or just log in for specific sessions. The whole conference will be on Blackboard Collaborate here https://bit.ly/MasculinitiesHub and this link will not change throughout the 3 days. You can enter and leave the conference as you choose.

3. How will panels be chaired? How will questions work?

Panellists will each be introduced briefly before their session by the chair, and will each speak for 20 minutes.
There will be approximately 30 minutes for questions in each session, and the chair will take them by two methods. You can type the question into the chat box, or you can raise your hand to speak. The chair will unmute when your turn comes up.

4. **The session is open to everyone: how will audience participation be moderated?**

We don’t anticipate any problems at this exciting event. However, we do ask that participants refrain from offensive language and personal attacks. In the case of either, the chair or a moderator reserves the right to mute people or remove them from the conference.

5. **What if I have computer or Internet connection issues?**

We expect this online conference will run smoothly, but in case we are disconnected, please check your PC and then bear with us - we’ll aim to get it up and running as soon as possible. If you’re experiencing problems with your own connection to the conference, try logging in using a different browser (preferably Chrome). Make sure that the volume on your device is switched up.

6. **Is the session being recorded? What do I do if I’m not happy to be recorded?**

We are recording some of the sessions, but the audience will only be recorded if they choose to raise their hand to speak. If you are watching and wish to ask a question without your voice being recorded, please use the chat box.

7. **I have an urgent question**

Please contact e.khalili@fashion.arts.ac.uk her address will be monitored during the day throughout the whole duration of the conference, so please get in touch there.

8. **How do I give feedback after the session/ after the conference?**

We’d love to hear from you during or after the conference. Please send us an email any time with FEEDBACK in the subject pane, and let us know how the conference went for you, and what we could do better next time! We may send one or two emails after the conference to Eventbrite ticket holders and attendees, to let you know of future projects connected to the conference.