

‘A Fieldworker’s Vision: Researching the Present’ Folklore, Ethnology, and Ethnomusicology Conference Aberdeen

**Elphinstone Institute, University of Aberdeen, Scotland
1–3 July 2016**

The Elphinstone Institute and the Folklore Society are pleased to announce a call for papers for the **2016 Folklore, Ethnology, and Ethnomusicology Conference Aberdeen (FEECA)**. FEECA aims to bring together **graduate, postgraduate students, and early-career researchers** in these fields to strengthen relations between relevant scholars and institutions in the UK and around the world. At the inaugural conference in 2014, we were privileged to host speakers from numerous countries including Australia, Russia, Sri Lanka, Turkey, and the United States; we look forward to welcoming a broad range of international scholars again in 2016.

This year’s theme draws on W. F. H. Nicolaisen’s article, ‘A Gleaner’s Vision’, in which Nicolaisen (Emeritus Professor, Elphinstone Institute) takes issue with the limited vision and approach of the early scholars of Folklore, where the work of the folklorist/ethnologist was seen to be one of salvage, gathering up scattered remnants of the *past*. Nicolaisen argues for a broader vision, a more comprehensive approach aimed at the *present*, encouraging folklorists to seek out what surrounds them.

We invite postgraduate and early-career scholars to discuss *their* vision and approaches to the dynamic and fascinating fields of Folklore, Ethnology and Ethnomusicology by presenting their current research.

Small by design, this conference is **open to papers touching on any aspect of Folklore, Ethnology, or Ethnomusicology research**. Each presenter will be given twenty minutes, followed by ten minutes for questions. Proposals for themed sessions, posters, or roundtable discussions are welcome.

The conference will open on Friday evening with a keynote address. In addition to conference presentations, there will be the opportunity to take part in an evening meal and excursions in and around Aberdeen.

Please submit proposals by e-mail to **feeca2016@gmail.com** with the following by **31 January 2016**:

- 1) An abstract of up to 250 words;
- 2) A brief biography/career description of no more than 200 words;
- 3) Author name, e-mail address, and affiliation, if any.

Abstracts will be considered by the FEECA organising committee. All applicants will be contacted with the results by 15 February 2016.

For further details visit the conference website: <http://abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone/research-projects/feeca2016>

