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## **28<sup>TH</sup> METU BRITISH NOVELISTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: ALI SMITH & HER WORK**

**3-4 December 2026**

**Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey**

**Keynote Speaker: Professor Mark Currie, Queen Mary University of London**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Department of Foreign Language Education at Middle East Technical University is pleased to announce the call for the 28<sup>th</sup> British Novelists International Conference. This year's theme is *Ali Smith and Her Work*. The conference will be held on 3-4 December 2026 in Ankara, Turkey.

We invite submissions from a broad range of disciplines, including literary studies, cultural studies, environmental humanities, queer studies, narrative studies, media studies, philosophy, sociology, and fine arts. We welcome papers on any aspect of Ali Smith's work from any theoretical perspective. Proposals by graduate students are also welcome.

METU BNIC has long served as an international forum for exploring the work of British novelists from various historical periods. Over the years, it has hosted many prominent scholars and authors as keynote speakers. We are proud to announce that this year's keynote speaker is Professor Mark Currie of Queen Mary University of London.

Proposals for 20-minute papers (approximately 200 words) should be sent by **31 August 2026** to [metubnic@metu.edu.tr](mailto:metubnic@metu.edu.tr). Please include your name, institutional affiliation, contact information (address, email address), and a list of any audio/visual equipment needed for your presentation. All submitted abstracts will go through a blind peer-review process.

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