British DiGRA "What is British Games Research?" Birmingham City University, Parkside Building

Day 1 20/05/2025			
09:00	Registration and coffee		
09:30-10:00	Opening, context setting, words from BDiGRA chair, CfP launch		
10:00-11:15	Li	ghtning	
	Losing control in Roguelikes		
	Charlotte Gislam, The University of Salford		
	British Queer Game Studies?		
	Andrew Bell, Birmingham City University		
	Transgender emergence in video games: representations, player reception, and design practices		
	Robin Longobardi Zingarelli, Brunel University London		
	Environmentalism and eco-gaming in British game studies		
	Will McKeown, Birmingham City University		
	Historical Affects in Videogames: Feeling the Eighteenth-Century		
	Jack Orchard, Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford		
	Discussion		
11:15-11:45	5 Break and networking		
	Panel: Game making	Panel: Countering hegemony	
	Future Factory: Envisioning Sustainable High-Value Manufacturing through Applied Game	From Dundee to Dominance: The Scottish-British Lens on the American Dream	
	Prasad Sandbhor, EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Intelligent Games & Game Intelligence (IGGI),	Esther Wright, Cardiff University	
	University of York		
	Andy Bell, University of Sheffield Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC)	Iain Donald, Edinburgh Napier University	
11:45-13:15	Grace Jandrell, Independent	No Durante de Marchane Diana e 1116 Aus Debite la Debite inte Orana Destrice Deservations	
	Politics and Play: Games, Objects of Study, and National Curricula	No Dungeon Masters Please, We Are British: Britain's Game Design Revolution	
	Alison Croasdale, UCL	Thomas Apperley, Tampere University	
		Ian Sturrock, Teesside University	
	Engine Workers: Exploring the Impact of Game Engines on Digital Artists in the UK	Driving Towards Change? Cosy Driving Games and Petroculture Bettina Bódi, University of Birmingham	
10.15 14.15	Paolo Ruffino, King's College London		
13:15-14:15	Lunch and networking		

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13:15-14:15	Lunch and networking			
<u>13:15-14:15</u> 14:15-15:45	Panel: Approaches to horror and trauma Red in Tooth and Pixel Claw: Nature-Horror in ZX Spectrum Games John Wills, University of Kent Roll for Sanity: Are Horror Games Horrifying? Ben Rimmer, University of Staffordshire Esther MacCallum-Stewart, University of Staffordshire Trauma-informed Gaming: The Quiet Things and Beyond Alyx Jones, SilverScript Games Erica Masserano, University of Surrey Stephen Mooney, University of Surrey	Panel: Histories British Literary History and the New Ludic Economy of Character Rob Gallagher, King's College London The Ludoindustrial Complex: The Politics of Patterns of Consumption in Cold War Videogames Alex Wade, Birmingham City University Regina Seiwald, University of Birmingham Video Game Nasties: The Origins of Video Game Censorship in the UK Andra Ivanescu, Brunel University of London		
15:45-16:15	Jamie Popowich, University of Surrey Angela Szczepaniak, University of Surrey Break and networking			
10.40 10.10				
16:15-17:30	Lightning strikes back RuneScape: From Britain to the Big Time Will Butler, Bath Spa University With or Without You: the opportunities & challenges of researching the European videogame industry Garry Crawford, University of Salford Charlotte Gislam, University of Salford Gaynor Bagnall, University of Salford Victoria Gosling, University of Salford Victoria Gosling, University of Salford Neta Yodovich, University of Salford Oroversations with Complexity: Making a Meal out of a Mountain Oliver Bates, Lancaster University/Iractals co-op Ben Kirman, University of York Gaming Generations: Exploring the History of Play in Mid-Twentieth Century Cardliff through Co-Productive Game Making Rhianedd Collins, Cardiff University of the Arts London David Curming, London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London The Genius Loci in UK			
	Daniele Monaco, University of Perugia Discussion			
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18:30-21:30 Social at Chance and Counters - board game hire and buffet provided, buy your own drinks

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Day 2	21/05/2025		
09:00	0 Registration and coffee		
09:30-10:45	Lig	htning returns	
	Re-Reading EDGE Magazine's "The Girl Issue" Cover		
	Harrison Charles, Birmingham City University		
	Asylums and Acrid Smoke: Comparing the (Re)Presentation of Victorian London in Alice: Madness Returns and Assassin's Creed Syndicate		
	Joanne Mills, University of Wolverhampton/Independent		
	Counters, Colonies and Counter Tops		
	Anukriti Gupta, University of the Arts London		
	British Cultural Studies and Games in Chinese Television		
	Charlotte Stevens, Birmingham City University		
	"Video games research" according to the UK Government: An autopsy of the Video Games Research F	ramework	
	Leon Xiao, beClaws		
	Boffins, Bottoms and The Yob – Britishness and the early UK games magazine		
	Robin Bootes, Independent		
	Discussion		
10:45-11:15	Break and networking		
	Panel: From global to local perspectives	Panel: Culture	
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	British Games Research should not be British	Project Charlie Hargood, Bournemouth University	
11.15 10.45	Catherine Flick, University of Staffordshire	Jack Brett, Bournemouth University	
	British Esports in the Global Digital Imaginary	"Let's Play, Bab!" Hyperlocalisation and Birmingham's Games and Gaming Culture	
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	Joshua Jarrett, University of Staffordshire	Regina Seiwald, University of Birmingham	
	The evolution of folk horror in Britain across media: "The Excavation of Hob's Barrow" and new	A Framework of Exclusion? Analysing the UK's Video Game Research Framework	
	approaches to the folk genre within the industrial complex of the video games industry	Danielle Kleinerman, UCL	
	Eugenio Triana, Birmingham City University	Bruno De Paula, UCL	
12:45-13:45	Lunch and networking		
13:45-15:30	Workshop: What is British Games Research? Building our intellectual project		
15:30-16:00	Break and networking		
16:00-17:30	British DiGRA AGM		
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