

# Hanover and England – a garden and personal union?

German and British garden culture between 1714 and today

## Symposium

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## Programme

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When George I, Elector of Hanover, was enthroned in England in 1714 he established a personal union that existed until 1837 leaving many cultural and political marks. Its 300th anniversary will be celebrated in the conference "Hanover and England: a garden and personal union? German and British garden culture between 1714 and today". The symposium will not only focus on questions of garden history but also consider furthermore the contemporary background on which ideas on art, agriculture, commerce, technology, literature and politics were exchanged.

In view of the encyclopaedic interest of the late 18th century it is self-evident to invite several academic disciplines to describe and to discuss the cultural transfer between Great Britain and Hanover. The transfer of horticultural and artistic ideas very often flourished in the 19th century at different places. This gives reason to focus the conference on two key parts: the Hanoverian-British exchange between 1714 and 1837 (the period of the actual personal union) and the Anglo-German relations that open perspectives even into the present age.

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

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Venue	Leibniz Universität Hannover (Hörsaal Kirchenkanzlei, Herrenhäuserstraße 2a, 30419 Hannover)
Time	Day 1: Wednesday, February 26, 2014, starting at 10 a.m. Day 2: Thursday, February 27, 2014, starting at 9 a.m.

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Part 1: Hanover and England. The period of the personal union  
(1714 until 1837)

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## Welcome/Introduction

- 10.00 Klaus Hulek, Vice-President for Research, Leibniz Universität Hannover  
Simon McDonald, British Ambassador to Germany  
Stefan Schostok, Lord Mayor of Hannover  
Dr. Annette Schwandner, Ministry of Science and Culture, Lower Saxony
- 10.30 Prof. Dr. Marcus Köhler Hochschule Neubrandenburg, TU Dresden  
and Prof. Dr. Joachim Wolschke-Bulmahn Leibniz Universität Hannover

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## I Historical Introduction

- Chair Prof. Dr. Hans-Georg Aschoff Leibniz Universität Hannover
- 11.00 Prof. Dr. Arnd Reitemeier Universität Göttingen (Institut für Historische Landesforschung)  
*„The personal union (introductory paper)“*

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## II 'Arts, Architecture and Environment'

- 11.30 Dr. Wolf Burchard Royal Collection  
*"Art in Britain during the reign of George I and George II"*

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- 12.00 Dr. David Jacques, Stoke-on-Trent  
*"The Early Georgians and the controversy of garden styles"*

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### III Agricultural Economy and Landscape Design

- 12.30 Prof. Dr. Hansjörg Küster Leibniz Universität Hannover  
*"Reform in the time of the personal union"*

- 13.00 Discussion

- 13.15 LUNCH BREAK

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### IV Botany

Chair Prof. Dr. Gert Gröning Universität der Künste Berlin

- 14.15 Dr. Sophie von Schwerin Hochschule für Technik Rapperswil  
*"For pleasure and science - on the connection between the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Berggarten in Herrenhausen"*

- 14.45 Clarissa Campbell Orr, M.A. Anglia Ruskin University  
*"Mary Delany and Queen Charlotte: The botanizing court"*

- 15.15 Dr. John R. Edmondson Hon. Research Associate, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew  
*"Foreign herbs surpriz'd in English ground: the life and work of Georg D. Ehret (1708-1770)"*

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## V Water Art/Technology

15.45 Dr. Bernd Adam Hannover  
*"The Great Fountain and English innovations in Hanover"*

16.15 Discussion

16.30 COFFEE BREAK

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## VI Iconography and Garden Art

**Chair** Prof. Dr. Joachim Wolschke-Bulmann Leibniz Universität Hannover

17.00 Dr. habil. Michael Niedermeier Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften  
*"The German Kinship. Politics and Dynasty in the early 'English' garden"*

17.30 Dr. Carsten Neumann Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald  
*"The house Bothmer in Klütz – An English-Dutch manor in Mecklenburg"*

18.00 Discussion

18.15 BREAK

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## Evening Lecture

In cooperation with the German Association for Garden Art and Landscape Culture (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Gartenkunst und Landschaftskultur, DGGL)

19.00 Prof. Dr. James Hitchmough University of Sheffield  
*"Landscape Architecture in early C21st Britain; issues and challenges"*

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Part 2: Germany and England. Reflexion and Reception from 1837 until today

## I Herrenhausen, Kensington and Hampton Court: History and Maintenance

9.00 Guided tour through the Herrenhausen Gardens by Ronald Clark  
and staff members

11.15 COFFEE BREAK

## II Garden Preservation

Chair Dr. Sabine Albersmeier Leibniz Universität Hannover

11.45 Dr. Todd Longstaffe-Gowan tlg-Landscape London  
*"The unaffected Englishness of Queen Caroline's gardens at  
Kensington Palace"*

12.15 Dr. Jonathan Finch University of York  
*"Hunting and the Georgian Landscape – exercising privilege"*

## III Reception of Gardens

12.45 Prof. Dr. Gert Gröning Universität der Künste Berlin  
*"Bio-aesthetic planning – a conjecture about an imperialistic garden  
cultural relation between the German Empire and independant India via  
the English Empire"*

13.15 Discussion

13.30 LUNCH BREAK

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## IV Literature and Garden Travel

Chair Sarah Michaelis Leibniz Universität Hannover

14.30 Prof. Dr. Sigrid Thielking Leibniz Universität Hannover

*"On the construct 'English Gardens' – perception and myth within garden literature"*

15.00 Prof. Dr. Joachim Wolschke-Bulmahn Leibniz Universität Hannover

*"Travels and knowledge: German apprenticeship in English gardens. The example of Hans Jancke"*

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## V Agricultural Economy und Landscape Design

15.30 Prof. Dr. Hubertus Fischer Leibniz Universität Hannover

*"House Söder as ornamental farm"*


16.00 Discussion

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## VI Closing Remarks

Prof. Dr. Joachim Wolschke-Bulmahn Leibniz Universität Hannover

Prof. Dr. Marcus Köhler Hochschule Neubrandenburg, TU Dresden



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