The inaugural meeting of the British and Irish Association for Narrative Studies (BIANS) will take place at Manchester Metropolitan University on Saturday 16th May. This meeting arises from last year’s ‘UK Narratology’ Symposium, hosted by Richard Walsh in York, and shares the aims of that event in hoping to develop conversation among narrative researchers in the UK and Ireland.

The format will be informal, and based around short (~10 min) presentations from participants on the narrative-related dimensions of their current research. The aim is to provide opportunities for discussion, to make connections and to identify possible opportunities that may arise from the convergence, or indeed the contention, between the mix of topics, projects, and theoretical orientations. There will be plenty of space for informal discussion during the day, and, for those with time, the chance to go for a meal in the evening.

If you are interested in attending the symposium, or would like more details, please email Paul Wake (p.wake@mmu.ac.uk).

If you would like to find out more about the British and Irish Association for Narrative Studies go to www.bianarrativestudies.com.