

Invitation

You are cordially invited to the

1. Online-Meeting of the *International Network for Personal Names Research.*

The new onomastic network was founded in fall 2024 (as successor of Jane Pilcher's PNRN) and now has more than 50 members from 20 different countries. In order to get to know each other better and to exchange scientific ideas, we will organize a first online meeting on:

12 June 2025, 12am – 3pm (UTC+2).

The meeting is intended to be a networking event and a forum for getting in touch with each other, exchanging ideas about current personal names research, and collecting possible ideas for future joint research projects. The programme will therefore be a mixture of lectures, research pitches, and socialising for scientific exchange in small groups. As an international network, we especially want to initiate names research across national borders. Therefore, our first meeting will focus on the following topic:

Given names in different countries: similarities, differences, historical and contemporary developments

We have deliberately kept the topic broad in order to appeal to as many onomasticians from different countries and different disciplines as possible. We therefore hope for short presentations on topics such as current or historical developments of given names in certain regions, in individual countries, across national borders, under the influence of certain extra-linguistic factors such as politics, religion, culture, migration, current events and trends etc.

We cordially invite you to give a talk, present ongoing research or a research idea that you would like to work on soon, for which you are still looking for collaborators, or for which you would just like to get feedback. The meeting language will be English.

Meeting program:

- Short presentations: 20-minute presentation, 10-minute Q&A session
- Idea pitches for (new) projects: 5-minute pitch, 5-minute Q&A session
- Networking and socialising: 15-minute meetings in small groups (Zoom breakout rooms).

Submission of abstracts and registration for the meeting:

Please send us a short abstract with your proposal for a presentation (20 minutes) or a research pitch (5 minutes) **by email to Anna.Balbach@uni-muenster.de** and/or register for participation by **May 16th, 2025** via <https://indico.uni-muenster.de/event/3378/registrations/>
Not only members of the network are invited to attend, but anyone researching personal names or interested in onomastics.

We are looking forward to your ideas and to meeting you!

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(Chair of the network,
University of Muenster, Germany)

and

Emilia Aldrin
(Co-organizer of the meeting,
Halmstad University, Sweden)