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“Talking to you as fast as I could”: The language of Jane Austen’s letters

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Room 10 Salvecchio and [online](#)

Guest lecture within the module in [History of the English Language](#), run by Prof. [Marina Dossena](#) for the MA programme in [Intercultural Studies in Languages and Literatures](#).

The lecture will be about Jane Austen (1775–1817), but not so much about her novels as about what we will be able to learn from her language use and hence about her personality by studying her letters. The talk will focus on one letter in particular, **Letter 10** from Deirde Le Faye’s edition of the letters (4th ed., 2011).

The guest speaker is **Prof. dr. Ingrid Tieken-Boon van Ostade**, Emeritus hoogleraar Sociohistorische Taalkunde van het Engels (LUCL), Order of St Mellitus, lid KNAW, [Ridder in de Orde van de Nederlandse Leeuw](#), *life member* Clare Hall, Cambridge, and a leading figure in LModE studies: **see a list of her [publications](#) here**. Other useful links are:

- [Haagse Talen](#) project
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