

The Politics of the Past

Activist Histories in Critical Perspective

A two-day international workshop
at University of Nottingham
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International Workshop at the University of Nottingham, 18 -19 May 2023

Jubilee Campus, Business School South Building A06 (workshop) & A24 (roundtable)

DAY ONE, 18 May 2023

14:00-14:15	Welcome & introduction	
14:15-16:45	PANEL ONE: Navigating the Age of Catastrophe	
	Julie Gottlieb (Sheffield), "F.L Lucas: classical scholar as chronicler of the crisis of the 1930s"	
	Per Rolandsson (UoN), "Siegfried Kracauer and the Science of Crisis"	
16:45-17:00	Coffee Break (with Cake)	
17:00-18:00	Doing Radical History Today – A Round Table	
	Sam Knapton (UoN) – Laura Schwartz (Warwick) – Nathan Richards (UoN) – Martina Salvante (UoN)	
18:30	Hot Buffet Dinner	

DAY TWO, 19 May 2023

09:15-10:45	PANEL TWO: The New Left	
	Madeleine Davis (Queen Mary), "Activism and commitment in New Left history-making"	
	Sophie Scott-Brown (Oxford), "Hero or Organiser? Raph Samuel, EP Thompson, and the 'People's Historian'"	
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break	

11:00-12:30	PANEL THREE: The Postcolonial Challenge
	<p>Spencer Mawby (UoN), "Eric Williams and Time's Monster: History, Anticolonialism and Prime Ministerial politics in Trinidad"</p> <p>Dean Blackburn (UoN), "Stuart Hall: History and the 'Contingency of the Present'"</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	PANEL FOUR: The Feminist Challenge
	<p>Natalie Thomlinson (Reading), "Raising Clio's consciousness: The Women's Liberation Movement in Britain and the rise of feminist history"</p> <p>Vera Marstaller (Freiburg), "How to write decolonial-feminist history? The singer Chavela Vargas (1919-2012) as a historian of the 20th century"</p>
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:45	PANEL FIVE: Confronting Fascism
	<p>Rúben Leitão Serém (UoN), "Herbert Southworth: between activism and empiricism"</p> <p>Emile Chabal (Edinburgh), "Eric Hobsbawm: the non-activist historian".</p>
16:45-17:00	Concluding Remarks