

AGENCY: IHR History Lab Annual Conference 2012

Institute of Historical Research, London

13-14 June 2012

Wednesday 13th June

10.00: Registration

11.00 – 12.30: Key-note Panel

Bloomsbury Room [G35]

Chair: **Guy Beckett** (Birkbeck College, London)

Professor David d'Avray FBA (University College London), Professor Catherine Hall (University College London) and Professor Christian List (London School of Economics)

12.30 – 13.30: Lunch

13.30 – 15.00: Parallel Panel Session 1

Session 1A, Bloomsbury Room [G35]: **Protest and Unrest**

Chair: **TBC**

- Mary G. Chaktsiris (Queen's University, Kingston [Canada]/Birkbeck College, London [UK]): *'There Have Been No Anti-Greek Riots in Any National Sense in Toronto': Civil Unrest and Enemy Aliens in Toronto, Canada, 1918.*
- Rachel Oppenheimer (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh [US]): *'That Was Hardly Pleasurable': Politically Motivated Prison Protest in Northern Ireland and the United States, 1969-1985.*
- Oliver Wilkinson (Lancaster University): *Getting Out, Getting Even and Getting On: POW Uses of Resistance during the First World War*

Session 1B, Bedford Room [G37]: **German Intellectual History**

Chair: **Chris Knowles** (King's College, London [UK])

- Michael Dylan Rogers (University of Cambridge [UK]): *Fascism and the Corruption of Instrumentality: Walter Benjamin and Ernst Jünger on the Problem of Agency in an Era of Total War.*
- Rebecca Wennberg (Royal Holloway, London [UK]): *Unstructuring Belief: 'Doctrinal Incorrectness' as a Form of Agency in the Third Reich.*

15.00 – 15.30: Tea & Coffee

15:30 – 17.00: Parallel Panel Session 2

Session 2A, Bloomsbury Room [G35]: **Material Culture**

Chair: **TBC**

- Julia Webb (Queen Mary, London [UK]): *Consumers, Goldsmiths and the Law: Commissioning Crystal Plate in the 1550s.*
- Bridget Millmore (University of Brighton [UK]): *'Love the Giver & Keep This For His Sake': Love Tokens Produced BY Convicts Transported During the Eighteenth Century.*
- Anna Vaughn Kett (University of Brighton [UK]): *Wearing Anti-Slavery Activism: British Quaker Women and Free Labour Cotton Dress in the 1850s.*

Session 2B, Bedford Room [G37]: **History and Journalism**

Chair: **Mara Sankey** (University College London)

- Chiara Tedaldi (Government of Ireland CARA Postdoctoral Mobility Fellow in the Humanities and Social Sciences, University College Dublin [Ireland]/Universidad de Zaragoza [Spain]): *Collective Agency in the Age of 'Memory Legislation': The Influence of Spain's Memorial Associations in Shaping the National Debate on Ley de Memoria Histórica.*
- Jessica Hammet (University of Cambridge [UK]): *The Communication of Historical Memory: Journalistic and Individual Narratives of the Second World War During the 70th Anniversary of the London Blitz.*

18.00: Wine Reception Room S349

19.30: Conference Dinner

Location TBC [Probably Pizza Express]

Thursday 14th June**10.00 – 11.15: Parallel Panel Session 3**

Session 3A, Bloomsbury Room [G35]: **Women in the Middle Ages**

Chair: **Julia Webb** (Queen Mary, London [UK])

- Laura Wood (Royal Holloway, London [UK]): *'The Ring and Mantle': A Means of Agency for Medieval Women.*
- Christopher Nicholson (University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies [UK]): *Female Inheritance in Later Medieval Bohemia.*

Session 3B, Gordon Room [G34]: **British Politics in the 1960s and 1970s**

Chair: **TBC**

- Jack Saunders (University College London [UK]): *How to Kill an Act of Parliament: Dockers in the 1960s and 1970s.*
- Adrian Williamson (University of Cambridge [UK]): *'Reversing the Trend': Keith Joseph and the Remaking of British Conservatism, 1974 – 1979.*

11.15 – 11.45: Tea & Coffee

11.45 – 13.00: Parallel Panel Session 4

Session 4A, Bloomsbury Room [G35]: **Office Holding in Early-Modern Sweden, 1550-1650**

Chair: **Christopher Nicholson** (University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies [UK])

- Piia Einonen (University of Jyväskylä [Finland]): *The Ethos and Morality of Agency: Urban Office Holders during the Formation of the Swedish State (c. 1550-1650)*.
- Ulla Koskinen (University of Tampere [Finland]): *The Culture of Agency among Noble Office Holders in Late Sixteenth-Century Finland*.

Session 4B, Gordon Room [G34]: **Imposing Education in Nineteenth-century Russia**

Chair: **TBC**

- Bartley Rock (University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies [UK]): *Aleksandr Novikov and Moral Education in Late Imperial Rural Russia*
- Richard Morgan (University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies [UK]): *Rearing Agents: Petr Kropotkin and Integral Education*

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 15.30: Parallel Panel Session 5

Session 5A, Bloomsbury Room [G35]: **Welfare**

Chair: **TBC**

- Claudia Soares (University of Manchester [UK]): *The Agency of the Poor: Collaboration and Conflict Between Poor Dependants and the Waifs and Strays Society, 1881-1914*.
- Rik Vercaemmen (Free University, Brussels [Belgium]): *'Vagrants' and 'Beggars in the Belgian State Benevolent Colonies (Rijkswelddadigheidskolonies): Writing Pleading Letters, 1890 – 1930*.
- Jennifer Craig-Norton (University of Southampton [UK]): *Struggling for Agency: Child Refugees after the Kindertransport*.

Session 5B, Gordon Room [G34]: **Gender in Modern Britain**

Chair: **TBC**

- Nancy Bruseker (University of Liverpool [UK]): *'I do hope you will forgive the liberty, but...': Vesta Tilley's fans and their correspondence*.
- Elaine Titcombe (The University of the West of England, Bristol [UK]): *The Language of Agency at the Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp*.
- Matt Cooper (Queen Mary, London [UK]): *Structure and Human Agency in Understanding the Development of Policy Relating to the Family in Britain in the 1960s*.

15.30 – 16.00: Tea & Coffee

16.00 – 17.30: Panel Session 6

Session 6A, Bloomsbury Room [G35]: **Agency in the History of Charity and Voluntarism**

Chair: **TBC**

- George Campbell Gosling (Oxford Brookes University [UK]): *Agency and Social Control in the History of Charity.*
- Sarah Flew (Open University [UK]): *Money and Agency in Nineteenth-Century Philanthropy.*
- Chris Moores (University of Birmingham [UK]): *Human Rights, NGOs and Test Case Strategies.*

18.00: History Lab Social

Location TBC