



## **What is radical history?**

A postgraduate led interdisciplinary conference  
**24 March 2015**

**Birkbeck, University of London**  
**Malet Street,**  
**London, WC1E 7HX**

**9.00 - 9.30 Registration (Room 153)**

**9.30 – 11.00 Session 1**

### ***Radical historiographies (Room 153)***

David Convery (NUI Galway), 'What is radical history? Some thoughts based on a comparison of British and Irish historiographical trends'

Amy Tobin (York) and Hannah Proctor (Birkbeck), 'Looking Back: the Histories of Radical History'

Rob Waters (Queen Mary and Birkbeck), 'Thinking black: Peter Fryer's *Staying Power* (1984)'

### ***Urban and rural workers (Room G16)***

Pablo L. Álvarez (King's College London), 'Where is my grandmother in the History of Art?'

Duncan Money (Oxford), 'Who is a radical in history? Problems of definition on the Zambian Copperbelt'

Paul Griffin (Glasgow), 'Assembling a Working Class Presence: Clydeside's Usable Pasts'

**11.00 - 11.30 Break**

**11.30 – 13.00 Session 2**

### ***Political commitment (Room 153)***

George Stevenson (Durham), 'The politics of defeat and the crisis of purpose in history'

Dominic Davies (Oxford), 'Criticism as Resistance: A Methodology for the Activist-Academic'

Ben Bethell, Barbara Warnock and Guy Beckett (Birkbeck), 'History Acts'

### ***The state and authority (Room G16)***

Michael Weatherburn (Imperial), 'Writing the managerial revolution back in: the rise of big management in Britain, 1916-2015'

Ben Taylor (King's College London), 'TechnoCops and Radical Scientists: Towards a Radical History of a British Surveillance State?'

Jacob Smith (Queen Mary), 'In search of "complete victory": Victorian Imperial case studies for the modern "War on Terror"'

### **13.00 - 14.00 Lunch**

### **14.00 - 15.30 Session 3**

### ***Social movements and protest (Room 153)***

Miranda Iossifidis (Goldsmiths), 'The pamphlets of the "We Want to Riot, Not To Work Collective": the relationship between radical history and political myth'

Garikoitz Gómez Alfaro (Brighton), 'What time is radical history? A rough guide to critical time'

Rowan Tallis Milligan (Oxford), 'The politics of the Crowbar: Squatting in London, 1968-1977'

### ***Radical education (Room G16)***

Alison Ronan (Independent Researcher), 'The Riverside Village 1916-1917 and Fairby Grange 1921-1922: two radical and forgotten examples of self-governing colonies for the young "delinquent".'

Victoria Russell (Birkbeck), 'Radical Education and the Platonic Androgyne: The Challenge to Socio-Political Hegemony in England between 1790 and 1840.'

Ruth Mather (Queen Mary), 'Moving Beyond Boundaries: Feminists Teaching History'

### **15.30 - 16.00 Break**

### **16.00 - 18.00 Roundtable discussion (Room 153)**

Becky Taylor (Lecturer in History, Birkbeck, University of London)

Robbie Shilliam (Reader in International Relations, Queen Mary, University of London)

Mike Jackson (Secretary, Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners)

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