



## Ex Historia PGR Conference 2024: Theory and Practice

Digital Humanities Seminar Room, Streatham Campus, Exeter & Online

Registration required. Please register [here](#). For queries, please contact [exhistoria@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:exhistoria@exeter.ac.uk).

7-8 May 2024

Tuesday 7 May

10.00 – 10.30 Tea & Coffee, Registration

10.30 – 10.45 Introduction

### **10.45 – 12.15 Panel 1: Leisure & Community**

Chair: Beatrice Steele

Felix Sadebeck, *'Applying Thorstein Veblen's Theory of the Leisure Class on Roman History'*

Nicholas C. Collins, *'The continuity of leisure in England, 1700-1850'*

Alicia Hernández-Tórtoles, *'A interpretative approach for the north-western Iberian Peninsula. Theoretical assumptions, conditioning factors and current trends'*

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch

### **13.15 – 15.15 Panel 2: Politics & Violence**

Chair: Amber Flood

William Patrick, *'Theory and Practice in the History of Ramsay MacDonald, Britain's First Labour Prime Minister'*

Aymeric Lamy, *'Establishing the study of violence as a discipline in historical research: a necessary evil?'*

Ed Selkirk Ford, *'A Mere Gilded Ceremony'? The Imperial Factor in the Construction and Reform of Upper Houses in the British Empire, 1890-1914'*

Jagyoseni Mandal, *'Between Theory, Ideology and Practice: The Naxal movement in post-Independence India'*

15.15 – 15.45 Break

### **15.45 – 17.15 Panel 3: Texts & Discourses**

Chair: Katharina Becker Hayslep

Tess Lavalley, *'The Impact of Popular Medical Texts on the Transmission of Saint Charms in Late Medieval England'*

Yishu Wang, *'Theorizing Emotional Embodiment: Reproduction and the Politics of Feeling in Early Modern England'*

Polly Lowe, *'"Slavery": Reflections on the Language and Analogy of Slavery in Descriptions of Forced Labour or Unfreedom in Eighteenth-Century Britain'*

Evening Conference Dinner (location tbc.)

Wednesday 8 May

10.30 – 11.00 Tea & Coffee

**11.00 – 12.30 Panel 4: Making and Remaking Europe**

Chair: Ed Selkirk Ford

Frederic Worthington, *“The key to the peace of Europe”: German Reintegration and European Integration in the Post-War Period*

Iona Ramsay, *‘Europeanizing Romanian Tolerance: The Transition to Post-Communist (II) Liberalism’*

Maria Teresa Marangoni, *‘Transcending Nation: Health Policy and Discourse as a Driver for European Integration’*

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

**13.30 – 15.30 Panel 5: Evidence & Experimentation**

Chair: Nicholas C. Collins

Beatrice Steele, *‘Reconstructing the Frankland Plates’*

Peter Northover, *‘One Theory Doesn’t Fit All’*

Tereza Nesnídalová, *‘The application of theory in forensic anthropology’*

Cecilia Rose, *‘An Illustrated History of Victorian Mermaids’*

**15.30 – 16.15 Keynote**

Susan Greaney, *‘Radical thinking: how theory helps us envisage alternative worlds’*

16.15 – 17.30 Reception