

Remembering early modern revolutions

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Remembering early modern revolutions: England, North America, France and Haiti

A one-day conference: 17 June 2017, Institute of Historical Research, London

The 'turn to memory', as Geoffrey Cubitt has described it, has been a major feature of recent historiography. This one-day conference will explore the memory of the major revolutions of the early modern period (England 1649 & 1688/9; North America 1776, France 1789 and Haiti 1791-1804). By addressing these events collectively, the conference will explore the interconnectedness of these revolutions in the contemporary mind. It will highlight the importance of invoking the memory of prior revolutions in order both to warn of the dangers of revolution and to legitimate radical political change. The conference will also unpick the different ways in which these events were presented and their memory utilised, uncovering the importance of geographical and temporal contexts to the processes of remembering and forgetting.

Papers or panel proposals are welcomed in relation to these areas and themes, and any other aspects of the memory of these early modern revolutions. The conference format will be for short and informal 10 minute presentations based on longer (c. 3-4000 word) pre-circulated papers. Please send proposals (inc 250 word paper abstract and brief CV) or enquiries to the conference organiser, Professor Ted Vallance (edward.vallance@roehampton.ac.uk) by 1 February 2017.

Already confirmed speakers include Ian Atherton (Keele), Kate Hodgson (Cork), Ed Legon (KCL/HRP), Imogen Peck (Bristol), Steve Sarson (Lyon) and Andy Wood (Durham). A selection of the papers presented at the conference will be published as an edited collection with Routledge.

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