Modern British History Reading Group - Sessions with Prof Lynn Abrams and Dr Lucie Whitmore

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The Modern British History Reading Group, formerly affiliated with the IHR, now run from King’s College London and Cambridge, hosts three sessions each term to promote informal historical and methodological discussion around a theme arising from a short piece of set reading.

The group also invites experts from within and outside of academia to join in the discussions. We aim to promote interaction and build relationships by sharing knowledge and stimulating informed conversations.

Details of our next two sessions are below:

On the **14 March at 5pm**, we’ll be discussing histories of dress and material with **Dr Lucie Whitmore**, who will be reflecting on her article ‘A matter of individual opinion and feeling’: the changing culture of mourning dress in the First World War.

On **28 March, also at 5pm**, we’ll be joined by **Professor Lynn Abrams**, who’ll be discussing her article *Heroes of their own life stories: narrating the female self in the feminist age* in a session dedicated to oral history.

As always, our meeting begins with an informal discussion about how the themes in the reading relate to our own work and the article more broadly. After 30-40 minutes or so, we’re then joined by the authors themselves, who give a short reflection on their piece, before opening the floor to Q and As.

We’ve found this to be a really productive format to get to know other postgrads, whilst engaging in a constructive way with new scholarship and historians too.

**Anyone interested in joining the discussions can sign up to our mailing list here.**

Alternatively, please follow us on Twitter [here](https://twitter.com).

Many thanks

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