



THE UNIVERSITY
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1945/2025: REFLECTIONS ON THE SECOND WORLD WAR

FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2025

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CORINNA PENISTON-BIRD

Associative Connotations: Memorials of the Second World War in Place, Imagination and Relationship

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS & CONVALESCENTS: NEGOTIATING MASCULINITIES

Linsey Robb: When peace came: British conscientious objection at the end of the Second World War

Rosemary A Giles: "Another little Army within the Canadian Army": Understanding Restricted Enlistment During the Second World War

Pragya Sharma: Locating the Indian Soldier-Knitter in the Second World War

MATERIAL MEMORIES: SOLDIER ART, SURGICAL ART & MAPS

Sarafina Pagnotta: Visual and Material Memory: Canadian Soldier Art of the Second World War

Christine Slobogin: Putting Plastic Surgery on Paper: How Art and Archives Defined Second World War Reconstructive Surgery in Britain

Julie Gibb: Maps: Memories from the Second World War

POLISH EXPERIENCE IN EXILE

Catherine Dille: 'From the Ghetto to 91 Gower Street': Allegiance, identity and resistance among Jewish-Poles Serving in the Polish Armed Forces in Exile

Lucia Morawska: Art in Exile: Jewish Soldiers and Artists in the Polish Army - Identity, Expression, and Legacy

Agata Blaszczyk: "Little Polands" on the British Isles - The Polish Resettlement Camps in post-war Britain - Governance, Institutions, and Identity

MOBILITY, UK IDENTITIES & EMPIRE

Wendy Ugolini: Remembering East Africa in the Second World War: contradictions within the British imperial imagination

George Evans: British identities, race and imperialism in wartime India

Martin Johnes: Making do and getting by: learning and using imperial Languages in the British Armed Forces

MODES OF TRANSLATION

Hannah Holtschneider: Refugee correspondence as acts of translation

Peter Davies: Interpreting at the Frankfurt Auschwitz Trial, 1963-65

Sharon Deane-Cox: Mediated Witnessing and Translation: Second World War Museums as Sites of 'Mémoires Croisées'

INDIA: DISPLACEMENT, CULTURE & PERSONNEL

Zuzubee Huidrom: War and Displacement in an Imperial frontier: visibilising the displaced Manipuri women in the Second World War

Debanjali Biswas: Leisure, Labour and the Cultural Life of Japan Laan in Manipur

Annu Palakunnathu Matthew: The UNREMEMBERED: The Indian Soldiers of World War II

Parveen Kumar: Non-Combatant Personnel of India in World War II

EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA: IMPERIAL AND TRANSNATIONAL INTERSECTIONS

Zhen Zhang: Networks of Solidarity: Overseas Chinese and Interracial Activism in the Global Anti-Fascist Movement during the Second World War

Marly Tiburcio-Carneiro: 'Evacuating Empire: The Politics of Displacement and Reception during the Japanese Invasion of East and Southeast Asia'

Yui Chim Lo: From War to Nation-State? China's Post-war Policies on Indonesia, c. 1937-1949

CULTURAL HISTORIES OF THE BRITISH HOME FRONT

Patricia Allerston: Making Cultural History: The Scottish-Allied 'National Houses' during the Second World War

Kristen Jeanveau: "Broken windows don't mean broken hearts:" Emotional communities and London Underground shelter newspapers in the Blitz

Lily Middleton-Mansell: '[A]nother sound, real movie-sound, war-sound': H.D., Cinema and War

RACE AND IDENTITIES: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Russell Smith: The impact of the liaison officer for Caribbean volunteers in the late war

Thomas Cryer: "A Stinging Ballast": Race, Identity, the Second World War, and the African American Liberal Tradition

Eleanor Dufton: Social and Political Invisibility of *La Dissidence* in the Second World War

CITIZENS & SPIES

Marisa Filipe: Espionage in Azores Islands in World War II: how the spies put at risk the Portuguese neutrality and changed the tide of the war

Laura Noller: Hierarchical Identities in the Occupied Channel Islands, 1940-1945

Carol Summers: Fighting with Money: Patriotic Thrift in the British World during the Second World War

SERVING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Stephen Hanna: 'The least efficient in the world' - The influence of Culture and Conceptions on Japanese Army Intelligence in the Burma Campaign

Frances Houghton: Tropical Environments, Overheated Emotions and the 'End of Empire': The Making of White Mental Illness in the Royal Navy, 1943-45

Anna Maeve Ellis: British Troops, American Rations, and the Pacific Theatre: Changing British Military Logistical Practices by the end of the Second World War

ASPECTS OF BRITISHNESS

Ewan Lawry: 'The Prime Minister... can confidently rely upon the people of loyal Ulster': Ulster Unionist politics, identity, and the road to the Second World War

Gabrielle Davies: Building the New Wales?: National Identities and the Politics of Post-war Reconstruction in Second World War Wales

Lucy Smith: Forever Aliens?: Intergenerational Experiences of Anti-German Sentiment in Post-War Britain's German Immigrant Community

INTERNMENT & CAPTIVITIES

Mette Møller: Arrested, Detained, Deported: British Nationals in Occupied Denmark, 1940-1945

Elise Bath: British Internment of Jewish Refugees in Mauritius as revealed in the International Tracing Service (ITS) Archive.

Wendy Webster: Writing on captivity: dug up, destroyed, preserved

FIGHTING ON THE EASTERN FRONT

Bastiaan Willems: Wehrmacht conduct in East Prussia during the closing year of the Second World War

Hugh Davie: Making limited resources go a long way: The role of the Rear in the German-Soviet War 1941-1945

Ian Rich: The Casting of Heroes for the German Police Battalions in 1941

MILITARY CULTURES

Megan Hamilton: On the Parade Square with Clio: Imperial Army Training in the Second World War

Jacob Stoil: All the Wars to Come: The Experience of the Second War in Shaping Post-Colonial Military Culture

Omar Nasr: Uncomfortable Alliance: Islam in Britain's Imperial Security Policy during WWII

HARNESSING DIVERSE SOURCES

Jake Gasson: Uncovering the Citizen Soldier: Service Records and the Social Profile of the British and Dominion Armies at War, 1939-1945

Toby Haggith: Where there are no words: film evidence of atrocity deployed at Allied war crimes trials in the wake of the Second World War

Oliver Winder: "Once a Tankie, Always a Tankie:" How Armoured Warfare Transformed the Lived Experience of Troopers Serving in the British Army, 1937-1953

CHINA'S WAR OF RESISTANCE: RAMIFICATIONS AND REPERCUSSIONS

Mingran Cao: War of Everyone Against Everyone: Cotton Plantations in Coastal Jiangsu during Second World War

Huirong Cheng: A Bitter Legacy: World War II and the Collapse of China's Tea Industry in Global Perspective

Hanzhi Dai: Returning Veteran Soldiers and the Violent Destabilisation of Social Fabrics 1944-1949