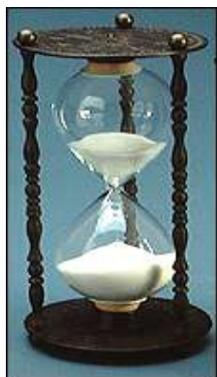


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## **HGRG Newsletter, New Year Issue 2007**

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***Calls for Papers, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London,  
29–31<sup>st</sup> August 2007:***

**Postgraduate Research in Historical Geography**

Sponsored by the HGRG

This session aims to provide an informal and relaxed forum for postgraduates undertaking research in historical geography to present at a major conference. Building upon the successful HGRG postgraduate sessions at previous conferences it is hoped that a friendly and supportive atmosphere will produce stimulating debates on the issues raised and provide postgraduates with helpful feedback on their work. There is no chronological or geographical limit to papers and they can be theoretical, empirical or methodological in orientation. Papers will be welcomed from postgraduates at any stage of research.

Offers for papers, comprising author, address, title and abstract (of not more than 200 words) should be submitted by e-mail or hard copy no later than 26th January 2007 to Merle Patchett (Postgraduate Committee Member). Presentations are expected to be around 20 minutes in duration.

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**ATMOSPHERIC GEOGRAPHIES: Histories, Cultures and Politics of the Skies.**

Studies of the atmosphere have traditionally been the exclusive reserve of the physical sciences. However, an increasing number of geographers and others have started to explore the inter-relationships between society and the atmosphere. The atmosphere is increasingly interpreted as a key space of social, economic and geo-political relations. Once the atmosphere is understood as a thoroughly humanized - not to mention non-humanized - space, important questions emerge concerning how the atmosphere is used, performed and protected, and the ways in which various scientific and cultural practices produce and legitimate knowledge about it. The atmosphere is not only a sphere of bio-chemical exchange, but also a multifarious product of scientific practices, state histories, cultural narratives and industrial decision-making. This session will draw together academics working on the geographies, sociologies, and politics of the atmosphere. While we particularly welcome papers exploring the historical dimensions of human-atmospheric relations we also welcome papers which address:

- \* Climate history and human societies.
- \* The atmosphere and the non-human.
- \* Histories of meteorology and weather sciences.
- \* The practices of climatology.
- \* The social geographies and human experiences of climate change.
- \* The politics of air pollution and clean air movements.
- \* Atmospheric knowledge production and use.

If you are interested in presenting a paper in this session please send an abstract of no more than 250 words to either Simon Naylor (Bristol) ([simon.naylor@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:simon.naylor@bristol.ac.uk)) or Mark Whitehead (Aberystwyth) ([maw@aber.ac.uk](mailto:maw@aber.ac.uk)) by 31 January 2006.

## **Gender and Historical Geography**

Sponsored by the Historical Geography Research Group and the Women and Geography Study Group

Despite the substantial body of theoretical work on gender and geography, historical geographers have not recently given sustained consideration to the implications of this work for their sub-discipline. Indeed, whilst the importance of place in understanding gender is continually asserted, the histories and historical geographies of these social processes and relations are sometimes elided. Whilst some historical geographies have been well developed over the last 20 years, the geo-historical constitution of masculinity and, indeed, transgender, remain less well understood.

This session hopes to cover work on femininity, masculinity and transgender in the recent or distant past. We would also like to offer a space to reflect on existing gender research in historical geography and to consider directions that future work may take.

Papers are invited on the following themes, though this list should not be seen as exhaustive:

- Gender and historical landscapes
- Theorising historical masculinities, femininities and transgenders
- Rematerialising gendered historical geographies
- Understanding gender in histories and geographies of modernity
- Researching the multidimensional nature of embodied experience(s)
- Gendered historical geographies of identity, power and difference
- Reflections on feminist historical geographies
- Theoretical and methodological challenges of researching gender in an historical context

Abstracts of up to 200 words should be submitted by 31 January 2007 either as hard copy or via email to:

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## **SENSES AND MEMORY**

Sponsored by the Historical Geography Research Group

Organised by Thomas Barton, Royal Holloway, University of London

This session considers the complex relationship between memory and place and the benefits of a focus on the senses and the multi-sensory experiences of everyday life. Papers will consider the complex role memory plays in the spatial reproduction and comprehension of the present (and future); how each/all five senses might be used to understand the relationship between the past and

the present as it is articulated and experienced in and through place; how notions of haunting, spectrality, and the extra-sensory might aid our understanding of the relationship between memory and place; historical geographies of neglected cultural practices related to the senses (e.g. music, aural, culinary, or botanical cultures).

Questions to consider might include:

- What is the importance of a multi-sensory approach to the geographies of memory?
- In what ways might (multi-)sensory approaches intervene in the production, comprehension, and experience of places of memory?
- What are the methodological issues of undertaking historical research into and using each of the senses?
- What is the importance of a multi-sensory approach to the ‘immaterial geographies’ of memory?
- Is there a sensory bias to the geographies of memory?
- Does an extra-sensory approach to memory alter our understanding of place?

Key Words: Memory; Senses; Place; Immaterial Geographies

If you are interested in presenting a paper in this session, please submit a title and abstract (of no more than 250 words) to Thomas Barton before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2007 (t.barton@rhul.ac.uk).

## **Negotiating postcolonial distance: scale, hierarchies and networks**

Sponsored by the Historical Geography Research Group

These sessions will attempt to theorise the forms and politics of ‘distance’ in colonial and development practices. They will attempt to bring together two interdisciplinary streams of theoretical and empirical research. First, scale has been a key object of geographical enquiry throughout the discipline’s history. A fresh debate has recently been prompted by Marston, Jones and Woodward’s (2005) call for a “flat ontological” approach that would eschew the notion of scale in favour of studying distantiation. Second, a body of work centres on the metaphor of the network. This literature is itself a heterogeneous assemblage, taking in the work of, for example, Manuel Castells, world cities research, actor-network theory, and the new imperial history. Both bodies of work argue for a non-hierarchical approach, overcoming “nested-hierarchies” of scale, core-periphery binaries, or national boundaries through an analysis of networks and relational spaces. These different approaches have, however, been criticised for underplaying the importance of geographical territories and the divisions between them, and eschewing the complexity of place in favour of flows over space.

Whilst problematic in terms of its spatial imaginary, the concept of “hierarchies” did introduce an epistemological space within the scale-debate to consider the political exclusions and social institutions that mould and influence movement and thought. This session seeks ways to re-engage with the political and geographical through bringing debates about scale and networks together. This will entail a discussion of the barriers to networks, the translations they involve, the political rhetoric and exclusions with which they collude, and the relationship between political-economic, social and cultural networks. In particular, the continued rapprochement between postcolonial and developmental geography will provide fertile ground on which to host these discussions. We seek papers that engage with but need not be limited to the following questions:

- How are concepts or objects translated in terms of meaning or use as they travel across space?

- What barriers exist to networked relations? How are they overcome?
- Who are excluded from networks? Are there elite and subaltern networks? Do “civil” and “political” societies have separate or interlinked networks? Who decides entry?
- In what ways are nominal, socially constructed/imagined scales conflated with or confounded by physical geographical divisions?
- How is scale invoked as political rhetoric in the name of sovereignty, violence, inaction, funding, intervention or isolation?
- How do geographical imaginations of places at different scales impact upon networks?
- How are the geopolitical and the biopolitical brought together in the productions of distanced relations?
- To what extent do crises of over-accumulation, trans-national/local spatial fixes, and time-space distanciation/compression both transgress and reinforce scalar boundaries?

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## **HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY RESEARCH GROUP**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September, RGS/IBG Annual Conference, London 2006**

1. Apologies for absence  
Apologies were received from Dr Catherine Brace, Dr Diarmid Finnegan, Dr Elizabeth Gagen, Dr John Morrissey, Professor Jon Stobart and Dr Yvonne Whelan
2. Minutes of last meeting  
Minutes were accepted as an accurate reflection of the last meeting.
3. Matters arising not on the agenda  
There were none.
4. Chair's Business
  - a. Report on activities (September 2005 – August 2006)

Dr Hayden Lorimer presented the following report to the AGM:

Over the past 12 months the HGRG committee and members continued to be active in a number of different areas, organising meetings and supporting research in historical geography. This includes the work of the committee and members in organising the 2005 undergraduate and postgraduate conference in historical geography, *Practising Historical Geography*, which

was held at the University of Bristol. The conference was funded by HGRG and a grant of £200 from the Research and Higher Education Division of RGS-IBG.

The committee has been actively involved in the organization of the 2006 RGS-IBG Annual Conference. In addition to our usual Postgraduate Research sessions organised by the committee, sessions sponsored by HGRG are:

- Counterfactual geographies: Worlds that might have been (convenors: David Gilbert and David Lambert)
- Documentary film and historical geography (convenors: Luciana Martins and Felix Driver)
- Landscape, mobility and practice (convenors: Peter Merriman and George Revill)

One application was received for the Small Conference and Seminar Funding scheme in 2006. A grant of £250 was given to the *London Group of Historical Geographers Seminar Programme*. The funds were used to support postgraduate attendance.

As always, much of the work of the committee this year has been in administering postgraduate support and supporting undergraduate and postgraduate work in historical geography. In addition to the £200 from RGS-IBG, HGRG also made £200 available to fund postgraduate attendance at the International Conference of Historical Geographers in Hamburg, Germany. Only one application was received for support. Given the costs of attendance at this conference, one award of £200 was made to Anne Flore Laloe. We hope to be able to publish her conference reports in forthcoming issues of the newsletter.

The Historical Geography Research Series continues. A collection of papers on practicing historical geography is in preparation and further proposals are under consideration.

Six entries were received for the 2006 Cambridge University Press and HGRG annual Undergraduate Dissertation Prize in Historical Geography. A final decision is expected in later in September 2006. The HGRG is grateful to Dr Alan Baker for chairing the adjudication; the other judges were Dr David Lambert and Diarmid Finnegan.

The Chair of HGRG was able to be present at most of the Research Division meetings of the RGS-IBG and the work of the Committee has proceeded as usual without interruption. Three newsletters were circulated to members in January, June and October; hard copy is still essential for non-academic and independent members. The HGRG web-site continues to work effectively from Galway (<http://hgrg.nuigalway.ie/events.html>) and is an excellent source of information for members and other interested parties. The Committee also makes regular use of its email distribution list to consult members, particularly regarding matters arising from RGS-IBG.

#### b. Committee positions

There were no positions up for re-election this year. Dr Lorimer noted that six periods of service would come to an end next year and stressed the importance of stability on the committee.

### 5. Forthcoming meetings

#### a. HGRG conference, November 2006

Dr Lorimer reported that the annual conference is due to be held at Queen's University, Belfast on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The program of speakers has almost been finalised.

#### b. RGS-IBG Annual Conference 2007

The RGS-IBG Annual Conference will be held at the RGS in London (29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August 2007). So far, suggestions for sessions had been received for sessions as follows:

- Gender and Historical Geography (Catherine Brace and Nicola Thomas)
- The Field (David Potter)
- Music, Memory and Place (Tom Barton), joint proposal with SCGRG
- The British Empire (Roza El-Eini)

The deadline for further suggestions is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 6. Reports

### a. Hon. Secretary

Nothing further to report

### b. Hon. Treasurer

Accounts to January 2006 were circulated. Dr Lorimer noted that the gradual decline in the HGRG's financial balance was intended and under control. It was noted, however, that forthcoming publications in the monograph series would have cost implications.

### c. Hon. Editor

Nothing further to report

### d. Hon. Publicity Secretary

Nothing further to report

### e. Hon. Conference Secretary

Nothing further to report

### f. Postgraduate Committee Member

Nothing further to report

### g. Membership Secretary

Nothing further to report

### h. Ordinary Member (newsletter)

Dr Thomas reported that she would be assessing the impact of the new postal charges and what steps might be needed.

### i. Ordinary Member (web)

Nothing further to report

### j. Ordinary Member

Nothing further to report

## 7. Any other business

The HGRG expressed its intention to play an active role with regards to the International Conference of Historical Geographers to be held in Japan in 2009.

## 8. Date of next AGM

Some time between 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006

Dr Hayden Lorimer  
Chair HGRG

## **Thesis Abstracts:**

HGRG are keen to provide a forum for disseminating abstracts of recently completed doctoral theses in historical geography. We encourage graduates from geography and related disciplines to submit abstracts for publication in our tri-annual newsletter. Abstracts of no more than 250 words (with relevant contact details, and following the format below), should be sent via e-mail to the HGRG Publicity Officer, Peter Merriman, [p.merriman@aber.ac.uk](mailto:p.merriman@aber.ac.uk)

Dale Sanders, **From colonial outpost to popular tourism destination: an historical geography of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Region 1829-2005**, Abstract of PhD awarded by Murdoch University (Australia), September 2006.

This thesis explores both the historical and contemporary processes that have played a significant part in shaping the cultural landscapes of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Region in South Western Australia. It is argued that much of the post-contact land-use history of this region has been framed by a consistent frontier ethos and that it is only relatively recently that the concept of sustainable development has begun to be implemented even though ironically its principles were guiding land use practices for centuries before European settlement. This thesis concludes that for the most recent land use activity of tourism to achieve the long term sustainability that has eluded so many past land uses, development must facilitate multiple land use management including the continued incorporation of past land use activities to maintain the region's cultural, social and economic diversity rather than tourism overpowering them to become the dominant activity. All stakeholders both within and outside the region need to adopt a more holistic and sustainable approach to managing the region's resources learning from both past land use attempts and the principles of Indigenous cosmology including the importance of the interconnectedness of people, environment and economy. If this is achieved then it is more likely that both current and future generations will experience a higher quality of life.

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# **Geographies of Nineteenth-Century Science: An International Interdisciplinary Conference**

Institute of Geography, University of Edinburgh  
18-21 July 2007

## **Conference themes:**

- Production of scientific knowledge
- Mobility of scientific knowledge
- Consumption of scientific knowledge

The importance of space and the situated nature of knowledge in understanding the history of intellectual and social change have been increasingly acknowledged by scholars in a variety of disciplines. In this context, the 'spatial turn' evident in the history of science has been paralleled by work in geography which has paid attention to science's discovery, the sites of its reception and justification and studies of the nature of science's movement across space. In this regard, the time is right to reinforce interdisciplinary enquiry and establish new research frontiers by exploring the significance of geographical thinking to the making, movement and reception of science, here in the nineteenth century.

## **Speakers:**

Sam Alberti (University of Manchester)  
Lawrence Dritsas (University of Edinburgh)  
Diarmid Finnegan (Queen's University Belfast)  
Aileen Fyfe (National University of Ireland, Galway)  
Graeme Gooday (University of Leeds)  
Sally Gregory Kohlstedt (University of Minnesota)  
Bernard Lightman (York University, Toronto)  
David Livingstone (Queen's University Belfast)  
Iwan Morus (University of Aberystwyth)  
Simon Naylor (University of Exeter)  
Theodore Porter (University of California, Los Angeles)  
Nicholas Rupke (University of Göttingen)  
Anne Secord (University of Cambridge)  
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Crosbie Smith (University of Kent)  
Jon Topham (University of Leeds)  
Charles Withers (University of Edinburgh)

## **Further details:**

See <http://www.geos.ed.ac.uk/geography/geog19c> for programme, registration form and further details. Deadline for registration is **18 June 2007**. Please send enquiries to Professor Charles W. J. Withers at [C.W.J.Withers@ed.ac.uk](mailto:C.W.J.Withers@ed.ac.uk).

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*Seminar Series:*

**LONDON GROUP OF HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHERS**

*Seminar Programme, Spring Term 2007*

**SIXTIES GEOGRAPHIES**

Guest convenor: David Gilbert, Royal Holloway

- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2007      **Sean Nixon** (University of Essex)  
*Americans in London: advertising, Americanization and commercial change 1945-67*
- 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007      **Jane M Jacobs and Stephen Cairns**  
(University of Edinburgh)  
*The modern touch: Interior design and modernisation in post-independence Singapore*
- 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007      **John Gold** (Oxford Brookes) and  
**George Revill** (Open University)  
*From Folk Revival to World Music: Alan Lomax, science and cantometrics*
- 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007      **Fraser MacDonald** (Melbourne University)  
*Marxism and the Art of Geopolitics: the Cold War photography of Paul Strand*
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007      **Christopher Beward** (Victoria & Albert Museum) and  
**Sonia Ashmore** (London College of Fashion)  
*Laboratories of Fashion: Retail design and the accommodation of the West End consumer 1957-1975*

These seminars are held on **Tuesdays at 5pm** in the Wolfson Room, Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, University of London. For further details, or to have your name added to our e-mail list, please contact David Lambert, Royal Holloway (01784 443640, d.lambert@rhul.ac.uk) or Miles Ogborn, Queen Mary (020 7882 5407, m.j.ogborn@qmul.ac.uk). We are grateful to the Historical Geography Research Group of the RGS-IBG, Queen Mary, Royal Holloway, Kings, UCL, the Open University and the IHR for supporting this series.

# The History of Gardens and Landscapes

Institute of Historical Research  
Senate House, London

All interested in researching gardens and landscapes are welcome at these seminars which are held on Fridays at 5.30 pm in the Wolfson Room of the Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, Malet Street. Please check on the website (given below) in case there are any changes in venue. The theme for the spring term, 2007, is **Gardens and Suburbs**.

- 12 January The land of lost content: memory, nostalgia and the significance of the Picturesque in the creation of Martlesham Heath in rural Suffolk.  
Peppy Macdonald.
- 26 January Painterly suburbs of the twentieth century.  
Christine Lalumia, Geffrye Museum.
- 9 February 'The Unexpected Tomato: Victorian imaginings of suburban gardens'.  
Professor Gail Cunningham, Kingston University.
- 23 February The concept of the garden as basic to the suburban home.  
Michael Ann Mullen, Middlesex University.
- 16 March 'Pestilent suburban cottage' or 'respectable villa residence' ?  
Representation and reality in nineteenth-century views of the suburban landscape.  
Dr Rebecca Preston, Kingston University.

For further information contact the convenors:

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More information about seminars at the IHR at: [www.history.ac.uk/gardens.htm/](http://www.history.ac.uk/gardens.htm/).

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**MAPS AND SOCIETY**

Lectures in the history of cartography convened by Catherine Delano Smith (Institute of Historical Research) and Tony Campbell (formerly Map Library, British Library). Meetings are held on selected Thursdays at The Warburg Institute at 5.00 pm. Admission is free. Meetings are followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Enquiries: +44 (0) 20 8346 5112 (Dr Delano Smith).

SIXTEENTH SERIES: 2006–2007

**2007**

**January 25**    **Dr David Marsh** (Birkbeck, University of London) Maps, Myths, and Gardens: Faithorne and Newcourt's Map of London (1658).

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MEETING SPONSORED BY THE HAKLUYT SOCIETY

**February 8**    **Lt Cdr Andrew David** (Independent Scholar) The Cartography of Bligh's Open Boat Voyage and his Two Breadfruit Voyages.

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**March 1**        **Dr Renaud Morieux** (Department of History, University of Lille 3) Naming the English Channel: What Maps Tell Us About Geopolitics Through the Ages.

**March 29**      **Drs Michael Winstanley and Bill Shannon** (Department of History, University of Lancaster) Lord Burghley and Elizabethan Maps of Lancashire.

**April 26**      **Hugh Prince** (formerly, Department of Geography, University College London) Surveyor or Plagiarist? The Parks on John Warburton's Map of Hertfordshire (c. 1724).

**May 17**        **Jill Shefrin** (Trinity College, University of Toronto) Nursery Instruction: Cartographical Novelties for Georgian and Victorian Children.

This programme has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of The International Map Collectors' Society; Jonathan Potter of Jonathan Potter Ltd; and Laurence Worms of Ash Rare Books.