



German Historical Institute London

SEMINARS — AUTUMN 2014

- 28 October **MARTIN DAUNTON (Cambridge)**
Money, Trade and Identity: Britain and the Post-War Order
- The recreation of a multilateral world system after the Second World War posed serious problems of identity for the British government: could it join a 'one world' system, or would it be forced into the 'two world' system of the dollar and sterling? The debate was about sovereignty and identity as much as about technical economic policy; and about domestic politics as much as about the international order. The lecture will explore the debates from the end of the war to British membership of the EEC. Martin Daunton is Professor of Economic History and Head of the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences at Cambridge University. He has written on the political economy of Britain since 1700, and is currently completing a book on the economic government of the world since 1933, as well as editing a collection of essays on the funding of the European state since 1973.
- 11 November **RAVI VASUDEVAN (Delhi)**
Making Cinema 'Useful': Pedagogies and Publics in India, c.1920–1960
- How did colonial and early post-colonial governments and film entrepreneurs use film to circulate information and engage different types of publics? This lecture reviews the variety of pedagogical projects and audience categories which went into making cinema a 'useful' vehicle of information. The talk will also explore how 'useful' cinema in South Asia was embedded in a transnational network of discussion about how to solicit and shape audiences. Ravi Vasudevan is Professor at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi. He specializes in film and media history and its interconnectedness with social and political history. His publications include *Making Meaning in Indian Cinema* (edited, 2000) and *The Melodramatic Public: Film Form and Spectatorship in Indian Cinema* (2010). He is a founder–editor of the journal, *BioScope: South Asian Screen Studies*.
- 2 December **BIRGIT STUDD (Freiburg)**
Heroism in Late Medieval Burgundy
- The court of the Dukes of Valois is considered one of the pioneers of emerging statehood in Europe. The forms of representation practised at the court, however, were inspired by traditional concepts of chivalric–aristocratic culture, referring to heroic images of the ancient, biblical, and medieval past. The lecture will explore the media and practices of promoting heroism in political communication in Burgundy. Birgit Studd is Professor of Medieval History at the University of Freiburg. She specializes in the cultural history of residences and courts, aristocracy and urban elites, political communication, and papacy and councils in late medieval history. Her books include *Fürstenhof und Geschichte: Legitimation durch Überlieferung* (1992); *Papst Martin V. (1417–1431) und die Kirchenreform in Deutschland* (2004); and *Haus- und Familienbücher in der städtischen Gesellschaft des Spätmittelalters und der frühen Neuzeit* (2007).
- 16 December **REBEKKA VON MALLINCKRODT (Bremen)**
There are No Slaves in Prussia?
- The lecture discusses slavery in Brandenburg–Prussia during the reign of Frederick the Great (1740–86), a topic long neglected as Frederick's realm was not regarded as a slave-trading nation, either at the time or in modern historiography. Yet imports of black slaves and the repercussions of the transatlantic slave trade continued, in a central European country without colonies. Rebekka von Mallinckrodt was appointed Professor of Early Modern History at the University of Bremen in 2012 after holding a Junior Professorship at the Free University of Berlin from 2005 to 2012. Her publications include *Structure and Collective Appropriations: Cologne Brotherhoods in the Age of Confessionalization* (2005); *Life on the Move: Body Techniques in the Early Modern Period* (2008); and *Sports and Physical Exercise in Early Modern Culture: New Perspectives on the History of Sports and Motion* (co-edited with Angela Schattner, forthcoming 2015).

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