

## Biography Workshop

Professor Sheila Fitzpatrick

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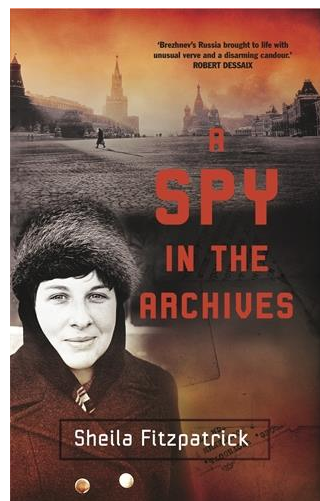
Venue: Seminar Room A, Coombs Building

Time: 12 midday until about 2.00 p.m.

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As a leading historian of twentieth-century Russia, Sheila Fitzpatrick has published extensively on Soviet social and cultural history in the Stalin period, particularly social mobility, social identity and everyday practices. In 2012, she was awarded the American Historical Association's Award for Scholarly Distinction.

Among many books, she published *My Father's Daughter* in 2010, a memoir of her father, the radical historian Brian Fitzpatrick, and her own childhood in Melbourne in the 1940s and '50s. A second book of memoirs was *A Spy in the Archives* (2013) which told of her experiences as a young historian researching her dissertation in Moscow in the 1960s.



Professor Fitzpatrick is interested in new approaches to political history; her new book *On Stalin's Team: The Years of Living Dangerously in Soviet Politics*, due for publication by Princeton University Press this year, brings an everyday-ethnographic approach to high politics, and is a kind of collective biography. She will discuss *My Father's Daughter* and *A Spy in the Archives*, along with *On Stalin's Team*.