

Chatter Box

A fast-thinking, fast-speaking, life-writing workshop!

Thursday, 26 February 2015

National Centre of Biography 2015 Biography workshop series



Presented by Sophie Scott-Brown, who recently completed her doctoral thesis on the British historian Raphael Samuel

Time: 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Venue: Hedley Bull Building, Seminar Room 3
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Feel free to bring your lunch

Welcome back for another year!

To kick-start 2015 and an exciting programme of forthcoming events and speakers at the NCB, the Biography Workshop is getting off to a lively start. We invite you to come and join us for a workshop exploring and debating different aspects of life-writing. Whether you consider yourself a 'biographer' or not, the only qualifications to join in are that you are a) alive and b) have some experiences and opinions that you are willing to share!

The Workshop aims to start some conversations on a range of contemporary issues significant to both life-writing and more generally to the humanities. Anything might come out of our box of tricks, for example (not exhaustive):

- Is biography simply a poetic form of biology?
- What is the line between biography and psycho-analysis?
- Does a leader flourish or fall through the telling of a life-story?
- Do personal details undermine big ideas?
- Iconoclasm: important cultural critique or misanthropic hatchet-job?

We'll provide some questions;* we just need you to bring the ideas! All points of view or disciplinary perspectives warmly welcomed.

*If you have any suggestions for possible questions of issues please send them through to either:

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