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## WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER

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### Hello, History Lab Plus Community –

It's co-Chair Kathy Davies here and it's a new academic year. Some of you will be feeling motivated this September, others like you're preparing for battle, but most of us are likely carrying on just as we have done over the summer – busy! Hopefully you all found some down time though this July and August, whether the academic calendar is relevant for you right now or otherwise. One thing is for sure, there are early signs of autumn where I'm based in North Yorkshire, and that is a green light for more caffeine...

**Here's your September newsletter, we hope you find it useful.**

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### Our new website! – [historylab.plus](https://historylab.plus)

New academic year, new website! We are very excited to launch our new online look. Enormous thank you to our Comms Officer (web-focussed), Dr Dave Steele, who has

done a fantastic job on this. Please share with ECRs in your own networks who might be interested in HL+.

Reminder that you can follow us now on BlueSky: [@historylabplus](https://bsky.app/profile/historylabplus)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**HL+ Network Northern Ireland 2025 - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September in Belfast**  
*–only 3 weeks to go!*

### **Programme Highlights:**

#### **ECR coffee morning @ McMordie Room, Queens University, Belfast**

*A chance to network with other early career historians and hear more about History Lab Plus.*

#### **Lunchtime seminar @ McMordie Room**

##### ***Researching History and Teaching Liberal Arts: From ECR to Senior Lecturer***

*Dr Sophie Cooper, Senior Lecturer in Liberal Arts, Queens University Belfast*

#### **Tour of Ulster Museum and walk around the gardens**

*Including an introduction to the history of Ulster Museum, curator tours of two temporary art exhibitions – the Okamura and the Art of the Possible – and guided viewing of The Troubles and Beyond exhibition and the latest installment of the Belfast Archive Project exhibition.*

#### **History Open Mic Night @ The Pavillion Pub with Dr Maurice Casey and Special Guests**

*From 6:30pm - Grab a drink, settle in, and hear about the work and working lives of historians in Belfast. Maurice Casey (QUB) will be on the mic welcoming special guests from across the history scene and inviting the audience to share their research stories. Will you volunteer to do a 'turn'? Free drinks for contributors. **This is an open session and all are welcome.***

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# IHR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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## **Zotero for Historians**

20th October, 2-3pm (online)

## **Map Making for Beginners in History and Humanities**

30<sup>th</sup> October, 11am – 12pm (online)

## **Public Speaking for Historians**

13<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 2:00-3:30pm

IHR Wolfson Room NB01, Basement, IHR, Senate House

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# JOBS SPOTLIGHT

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## **AEP Lecturer in Defence Studies, Kings College London**

**Full time, fixed term, 39-47k**

The Department of Defence Studies seeks to recruit two Lecturers in Defence Studies Education on the King's Academic Education Pathway (AEP) to contribute to the Department's teaching and research capacity in defence studies. Both are Fixed Term Contracts, one for one year and one for two years.

The successful applicants will be based in the Defence Studies Department at the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom in Shrivenham and will undertake high-quality scholarship and support a range of professional military and security education courses at the postgraduate level. Successful candidates will teach and supervise students who are serving officers and civil servants in the UK and allied armed forces and partners.

Closing: 8<sup>th</sup> September

## **Curator of Photographic Collections (Maternity Cover), National Museums Liverpool**

**Full time, fixed term, 33.7K**

Reporting to the Lead Archivist (Maritime & Slavery Collections), the Curator of Photographic Collections will be responsible for managing and developing the Maritime Museum's internationally significant photographic collections, ensuring they are accessible and impactful both in Liverpool and beyond.

Given the scale of the collections, strong collection management skills are essential. These collections are exceptional, and we are committed to increasing their visibility and use — so the role requires a proactive approach to promoting, facilitating, and encouraging engagement with the material in diverse and creative ways.

Closing: 25th September

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## **OTHER NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **FELLOWSHIP: LSE Library Fellowships 2025**

The scheme is designed to support researchers wishing to travel to London to consult our unique archives and special collections. It includes a grant of up to £5,000 to support visits of up to 6 weeks (or part-time equivalent) by covering or contributing to the costs of travel, accommodation and other subsistence expenses. LSE Library invite proposals for original research which provide new perspectives on the collections, whether surfacing hidden histories in well-known collections, or drawing on collections that are not yet part of mainstream academic discourse. They are particularly interested in proposals which might form the basis for future collaborations with the library, especially those which have the potential to attract external funding.

There are x3 Fellowships available: 1. Politics and International Relations; 2. Economic and Social Policy; 3. Equality, Citizenship, and Rights

Deadline: 22 September

### **COMMITTEE POSITION: BAVS Early Career/Postdoctoral Representative x 1 (3-**

**year term)**

The BAVS Executive Committee currently has a position open for a new Early Career/Postdoctoral Representative (3-year term). Please note that to qualify as an Early Career/Postdoctoral Representative, you will need to have completed your PhD studies.

Closes: 10<sup>th</sup> September

**SEMINAR: History and Policy: Equal pay – a long time coming. Reflections on the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act**

**17<sup>th</sup> September, 5:30-7:00pm**

This online seminar will hear and discuss presentations from Sally Brett, former senior equality policy officer at the TUC, and Megan Fisher, GMB organiser and leading member of its women's campaign unit (who has been involved in the ongoing and long-running campaign for equal pay at Birmingham City Council).

**SEMINAR: Journal of British Studies: How I Wrote This with Matthew Worley**

**19<sup>th</sup> September, 4-5pm (online)**

Join the Journal of British Studies for the second virtual discussion of "How I Wrote This". In these one-hour sessions, an author who has published a successful and popular article explains how it happened.

**PUBLIC LECTURE: SMOG STORIES: A Lived History of Air Pollution in Britain**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October @ the British Library, London (Foyle Suite, 6:30-8pm)**

In this free public lecture, Dr Kathy Davies (Visiting Research Fellow, British Library) will illuminate the historical impact of dirty air on individuals and communities. Using oral histories, modern records and newspaper collections, the lecture will show how poor air quality shaped people's daily lives in the twentieth century.

**WORKSHOP: Skills Training in Archival Research (STAR) Workshop**

Join The London Archives on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October (1-4pm) for a hands-on workshop designed to help students and researchers make the most of archival collections. £10 fee.

**NETWORKING: British Academy Early Career Network**

An inclusive, researcher-led network for UK-based early career researchers working in the humanities and social sciences.

**BOOK/ ARTICLE PRIZES FOR ECRs: Royal Historical Society**

The RHS have annual prizes for first books and articles by Early-Career Historians. The window for applications for both the RHS First Book Prize and Early Career Article Prize opens on 15 September (and closes 15 December 2025).

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## HISTORYLAB+ COMMITTEE

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