

# HISTORY NOW.

## THE INSTITUTE OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH SUMMER SCHOOL

Exploring why the past matters more than ever  
& new approaches to history.

**13 - 17 JULY 2020**



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The IHR's 2020 Summer School -- '**History Now**' -- runs at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London, between **Monday 13 and Friday 17 July 2020**.

The School explores the most exciting and important topics facing History and historians today.

How do we use and misuse the past in the present? How does history shed light on the urgent questions we face today? How do historians think about time, place and space? How is History being shaped by digital technologies? How might History change in the coming decade?

The IHR Summer School combines lectures, masterclasses, seminars, hands-on training, field trips and student presentations.

The five-day School is taught by a combination of the IHR's specialist academic and training staff, plus guest lecturers who are leading historians in their field. They'll provide an expert guide to today's themes, both in theory and practice.

The IHR Summer School is designed for researchers at all career stages, and people looking to better understand key issues facing History, present and future.

For the IHR 2020 Summer School we're bringing together people who know the past matters, now more than ever.

Teaching on 'History Now' will be led by the Institute's academic staff and senior fellows, and by guest lecturers from academia, heritage, publishing and the media. In a relaxed and welcoming environment, we'll explore some of the key areas of current historical research, and the changing ways in which we can engage with the past. Themes include:

- History and the environment
- Public history
- History and activism
- Digital history
- Race and 'decolonisation'
- History and locality, space and place
- New histories of time
- Gender and identity
- The future of history

We'll also be making use of the IHR's central London location to undertake visits to local museums and galleries to see history in practice.

'History Now' will provide a guide to those starting out on their research, and an opportunity for established teachers and researchers to refresh their knowledge of current and forthcoming themes in historical practice.

## Monday 13 July 2020

### History & place: from local to global

Decolonisation, comparative histories, postcolonial perspectives, microhistory, transnational history

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#### Registration and refreshments

(Wolfson NB01)

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09:45

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#### Welcome and introduction to 'History Now'

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10:00

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#### Lecture

Introducing key themes in the relationship between 'History & place', and questions of geographical scale.

How should we think about place, and connecting the local, national and global?

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#### Break and refreshments

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#### Research masterclass

Moving from overview to practice, specialist historians explain how they work at the local and global scale.

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#### Lunch

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13:30

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#### Seminar and discussion

Small groups discuss the day's theme of 'History and place' in detail, with the help of set readings and specialist seminar leaders.

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15:30

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#### Break

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16:00

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#### Training workshop

Skills training the history of London as a community, capital and metropole.

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#### Drinks reception

For all summer school students and staff

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18:30

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#### Day 1 ends

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## Tuesday 14 July 2020

### Time, temporality & space

Histories of environment, multiple modernities, migration, historical distance.

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10:00

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#### Lecture

Introducing key themes in historians' perceptions of 'Time, temporality & space'.

How do historians think about time and our relationship to the past?

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#### Break and refreshments

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#### Research masterclass

How are historians incorporating studies of the environment in their work, and what does this bring to understanding of the past?

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#### Lunch

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#### Seminar and discussion

Small groups discuss the day's theme of 'Time, temporality and space' in detail, with the help of set readings and specialist seminar leaders.

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#### Break

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16:00

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#### Training workshop

Skills training to create and use digital maps for the study of historical spaces.

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#### 'History extra'

An optional and informal session on how we write history, and what we can learn from published authors.

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#### Day 2 ends

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## Wednesday 15 July 2020

### History, activism & policy

Histories of race and of identity, public history, history & the present, history, truth & fakenews

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**10:00**

#### Panel debate

Approaching the links between 'history, activism and policy' from those involved in effecting change.

What role does History have in activism, identity politics and policy formation?

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**11:15**

#### Break and refreshments

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**11:45**

#### Research masterclass

Practitioners show how they use historical skills and knowledge for political purposes, and how historians can best engage with policy makers.

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**12:45**

#### Lunch

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**13:30**

#### Museum field trip & seminar

How do curators engage the public with the past? An opportunity to combine theories and practice with staff at a central London museum.

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**15:30**

#### Break

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**16:00**

#### Training workshop

Skills training to learn how historians plan and run public engagement events.

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**17:15**

#### 'History extra'

An optional tour of highlights from the IHR Library's collection, and discussion on the role of libraries in generating new research.

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**18:00**

#### IHR 'Historical Research' Lecture 2020

The annual 'Historical Research' lecture is one of the major events of the IHR year. A chance to hear a leading historian speak on a subject relating to 'History Now' (also open to the public).

*Sponsored by Oxford University Press, & followed by a drinks reception*

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**20:15**

#### Day 3 ends

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## Thursday 16 July 2020

### Digital History & new technologies

Digital literacy for historians, digital preservation, big data and histories at scale, network analysis, digital skills.

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**10:00**

#### Lecture

Introducing 'Digital History', and the opportunities and challenges technology poses for historians.

What is digital history, & how should historians engage with new technologies?

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**11:15**

#### Break and refreshments

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**11:45**

#### Research masterclass

Digital historians explain how technologies enhance our understanding of the past and enable new historical perspectives.

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**12:45**

#### Lunch

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**13:30**

#### Seminar and discussion

Small groups discuss the day's theme of 'Digital History' in detail, with the help of set readings and specialist seminar leaders.

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**15:30**

#### Break

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**16:00**

#### Training workshop

Skills training to create 3D History with this workshop on 3D imaging and printing.

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**17:15**

#### 'History extra'

An optional and informal session on publishing as a historian, with advice from academic publishers.

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**18:00**

#### Day 4 ends

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Friday 17 July 2020

## What's the future of History?

Emerging new research areas in 2020s and 2030s, possible future directions for teaching and communicating History?

10:00

### Lecture

Introducing a vision of the 'Future of History' and historical research in the coming decades.

What are the next big themes, ideas and methods, in historical research?

11:15

### Break and refreshments

11:45

### Research masterclass

When thinking about the future, how should we frame the debate, and what are the big questions that need asking and answering?

12:45

### Lunch

13:30

### 'Zine' workshop

Create and publish your own zine on the 'future of history'; then scan and publish your work on the IHR blog, *On History*.

15:30

### Break

16:00

### Student Presentations

Your views of history's futures, based on the zine workshop.

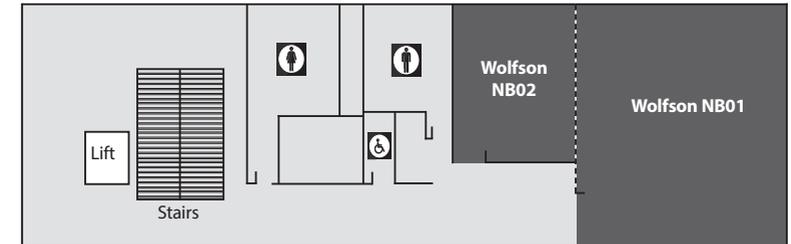
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### Summer School close

## Room locations

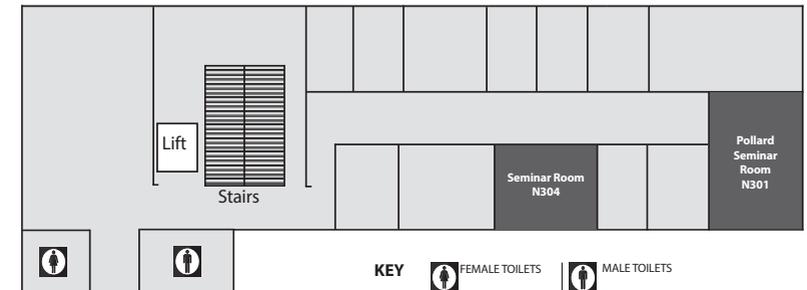
During the summer school the following rooms will be used:

### Lower Ground Floor Wolfson NB01 & Wolfson NB02



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### 3rd Floor Pollard Seminar Room N301 & Seminar Room N304



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