



## Enlightenment Workshop 2025/26

An interdisciplinary research seminar supported by the Faculty of History, the Faculty of Modern Languages, and the Voltaire Foundation

Wednesdays at 5.00 pm  
New College, Lecture Room 6, unless otherwise specified

Convenors:  
Nicholas Cronk (St Edmund Hall) and Jacob Chatterjee (New College)

### MICHAELMAS TERM

- 22 Oct. Tim Stuart-Buttle (University of York)  
**Hobbes before the Enlightenment**  
(New College, Lecture Room 6, 5.00 pm)
- 13 Nov. Antoine Lilti (Collège de France)  
*Besterman Lecture: The Three Languages of Universality: Thinking Globally in the Enlightenment*  
(Magdalen College, the Grove Auditorium, 5.00 pm)
- 14 Nov. 9am – 1pm. *Voltaire Foundation Workshop: Presentations by postdoctoral students from Voltaire Foundation and Turin Humanities Programme (Fondazione 1563)*. Discussion chaired by Antoine Lilti (Collège de France).  
(Maison Française d'Oxford, Norham Road)
- 19 Nov. James Hanrahan (Trinity College, Dublin)  
**Representations of Origins in Enlightenment Thought: the Voltairean Exception**  
(New College, Lecture Room 6, 5.00 pm)
- 24 Nov. Dan Edelstein (Stanford University)  
***The Revolution to Come (2025): Book Presentation and Discussion***  
(joint session with the Oxford Political Thought seminar).  
(New College, Lecture Room 6, 5.00 pm)
- 26 Nov. Lisa Kattenberg (University of Amsterdam)  
**Liberty and its Limits in the Seventeenth-Century Dutch-Spanish-Mapuche Triangle**  
(New College, Lecture Room 6, 5.00 pm)



27 Nov. Michelle Charters OBE (Head of International Slavery Museum, Liverpool)  
**International Slavery Museum: the Journey, Progress and Plans** (Linacre College, Tanner Room, 5.30 pm) followed by a drinks reception.  
*Voltaire Foundation Enlightenment Values Lecture*

3 Dec. Jacob Donald Chatterjee (New College, Oxford)  
**Robert Sharrock and the Transformation of Christian Epicureanism in England and Western Europe, 1642–1732** (New College, Lecture Room 6, 5.00 pm)  
End of term drinks.

#### HILARY TERM

28 Jan. John Robertson (University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge)  
**Making the space to think about society - more than an Enlightenment story** (New College, Lecture Room 6, 5.00 pm)

11 Feb. At the Maison Française d'Oxford, Norham Road:  
3.30pm: Stephen Leach and Stephen Hilyard (University of Wisconsin Madison)  
**"Remember a Poor Hermit": A Reconstruction of 'Rousseau's Cave'** (including showing of short film about Rousseau's Cave at Wootton Hall in Staffordshire). Discussion led by Jenny Mander (Newnham College, Cambridge) with tea and coffee.  
5.00pm: **Roundtable on Rousseau's *Politics of Taste* (2024)** by Jared Holley. Discussants: Jane Cooper (All Souls College, Oxford), Holly Rowe (Lincoln College, Oxford), and Olivier Higgins (New College, Oxford). Response: Jared Holley (University of Edinburgh). Drinks will be served after the event.

18 Feb. Hangyul Kim (Chonnam National University)  
11:00am:  
**Museums in Revolutionary France as Sites of Encouragement and Emulation** (annual online session with the Global Intellectual History Unit, Sungkyunkwan University)

25 Feb. Sarah Mortimer (Christ Church, Oxford).  
**'The Kingdom of Liberty': the Dutch Remonstrants on Christianity and Natural Law** (New College, Lecture Room 6, 5.00 pm)

11 Mar. Felix Waldmann (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge)  
**לְרִבִּי: John Locke, Christ Church, and the *Herbarium* Exercises, 1660-1665** (New College, Lecture Room 6, 5.00 pm)





## TRINITY TERM

- 1 May Ruth Ahnert (Queen Mary University of London)  
*Voltaire Foundation Annual Digital Enlightenment Studies Lecture:*  
**‘Unmasking Aliases: A New Way to Find Hidden Identities in the Tudor State Papers’**  
(Weston Library Lecture Theatre, 5.00 pm)
- 11 May Keith Michael Baker (Stanford University)  
**Book Talk: *Jean-Paul Marat: Prophet of Terror* (2025)**  
**Discussants: Charles Walton (Warwick University), Sofia Sanabria De Felipe (Magdalen College)**  
(New College, Lecture Room 6)
- 20 May Jessica Patterson (Trinity College, Cambridge)  
**Empire and the Idea of the Constitution in Enlightenment Political Thought**  
(New College, Lecture Room 6)
- 3 June Maksymilian Del Mar (Queen Mary University of London)  
**Dancing with the Stars: Adam Smith and Lucian on Philosophical, Moral, and Pantomime Spectatorship**  
(New College, Lecture Room 6)

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