

# Beyond the home

New histories of domestic servants

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DAY 1

DAY 2

*Registration* 9

*Welcome* 9:30  
Sacha Hepburn & Olivia Robinson

*Keynote* 9:45  
Carolyn Steedman

10:45 *Break* 11

*Panel: Family* 11:15  
Lauren Butler  
Fiona Clapperton  
Aimee Keithan  
Chair: Siân Pooley

9:15 *Panel: Rights*  
Fae Dussart  
Victoria Haskins  
Alissa Klots  
Samita Sen  
Chair: Karen Tranberg Hansen

11:30 *In conversation:*  
*Servants & political activism*  
Karen Tranberg Hansen  
& Laura Schwartz  
Chair: Victoria Haskins

12:45 *Lunch* 12:45

*Special session* 1:45  
Laura Humphreys & Tessa Chynoweth

1:45 *Special session*  
Rachel Randall

*Panel: Community* 2:15  
Sacha Hepburn  
Charmian Mansell  
Simon Rastén  
Hannah Wallace  
Chair: Kathryn Walchester

2:15 *Panel: Leisure*  
Jessica Davidson  
Jenny Dyer  
Fanny Louvier  
Chair: Carolyn Steedman

4 *Break* 3:45

*Panel: Sociability* 4:30  
Paul Borenberg  
Kathryne Crossley  
Hanne Østhus  
Chair: Stephen Sparks

4:15 *Panel: Mobility*  
Olivia Robinson  
Stephen Sparks  
Kathryn Walchester  
Chair: Samita Sen

*Drinks reception* 6

5:45 *Concluding remarks*

*Social dinner at The Royal Oak* 7

6 *Close*

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# Beyond the home: speakers & papers

**Paul Borenberg** (Gothenburg University, Sweden)

A servant's self-worth, respect and pride in seventeenth century Stockholm

**Lauren Butler** (University of Sheffield, UK)

"Write verry soon and send me all the news": the functions of letter writing between servants and their families in the nineteenth century

**Fiona Clapperton** (University of Sheffield, UK)

"The ties that bind": country house servants and retirement in the first half of the twentieth century

**Kathryne Crossley** (University of Oxford, UK)

Oxford college servants and leisure

**Jessica Davidson** (University of Oxford, UK)

"Gaily drest in all your best, to spend your holiday": domestic servants at the provincial fair

**Fae Dussart** (University of Sussex, UK)

"We have been slavered too long": domestic servants and unionisation in late 19th century Britain

**Jenny Dyer** (Oxford Brookes University, UK)

"I have scarce time allow'd to Eat drink or sleep": free time, leisure and play for child servants in England c.1760-1820

**Karen Tranberg Hansen** (Northwestern University, USA)

*In conversation*

Servants and politics in late-colonial Zambia

**Victoria Haskins** (University of Newcastle, Australia)

"Because most of us work for white people for a living": Indigenous domestic workers and citizen rights in Australia in the early twentieth century

**Sacha Hepburn** (Institute of Historical Research, UK)

A community of workers: support and solidarity among domestic workers in Lusaka

**Laura Humphreys** (Science Museum, London, UK) &

**Tessa Chynoweth** (Birmingham Museums, UK)

Swept under the carpet? Representing domestic servants in museums

**Aimée Keithan** (University of York, UK)

To love and obey: the lives of married servants

**Alissa Klots** (European University at St Petersburg, Russia)

Servants into workers: domestic service and the creation of the New Soviet Person, 1920-1928

**Fanny Louvier** (University of Oxford, UK)

From the servants' ball to the dance hall: French and British servants' leisure in the interwar period

**Charmian Mansell** (Institute of Historical Research, UK)

"Community service": or, putting the early modern female servant in her place

**Hanne Østhus** (Independent scholar, Norway)

Friendship and solidarity. Male servants and sociability in eighteenth-century Denmark-Norway

**Rachel Randall** (University of Oxford, UK)

Testimonies of domestic workers in contemporary Brazilian cultural and digital production

**Simon Rastén** (University of Aarhus and the National Museum of Denmark, Denmark)

The lives and relationships of domestic servants in colonial Bengal, c.1800-1850

**Olivia Robinson** (University of Oxford, UK)

"While seeking a situation": cross-cultural experiences of out-of-work foreign domestics in London, c.1880-1930

**Laura Schwartz** (University of Warwick)

*In conversation*

Servants and women's suffrage in Britain

**Samita Sen** (Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India)

Maids in movement: domestic workers and collective action

**Stephen Sparks** (University of Johannesburg, South Africa)

"Another location in the white town": domestic servants, sociability and the politics of space in an Apartheid town

**Carolyn Steedman** (University of Warwick, UK)

About the house, beyond the home. Eighteenth-century servants' poetry

**Kathryn Walchester** (Liverpool John Moores University, UK)

"No man upon earth more happy than me": sociability and the travelling servant in the late eighteenth century

**Hannah Wallace** (University of Sheffield, UK)

Finding character and community in the Duke of Devonshire's estate accounts

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