

## **LIFE-WRITING IN EUROPE: PRIVATE LIVES, PUBLIC SPHERES AND BIOGRAPHICAL INTERPRETATIONS**

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Organised by: The European Network on the Theory and Practice of Biography and The Oxford Centre for Life-Writing, Wolfson College.

### **Friday 20 April**

**9.30. Welcome Address: Hermione Lee. Director of the Oxford Centre for Life-Writing and President of Wolfson College.**

**10.00-11.00.** Opening Lecture. Lucy Riall (Birkbeck College. University of London): "Warriors, Apostles and Martyrs: Biography and The Making of Modern Italy".

**11.00-11.30** Coffee Break

**1<sup>st</sup> Session.** Chair: Roy Foster (Hertford College. University of Oxford)

**11.30-13.00**

-Santos Juliá (UNED-Madrid): "Biography vs Stereotypes: The case of Manuel Azaña"

-Robert Gerwarth (University College. Dublin): "Cold Empathy: Challenges in writing a life of Reinhard Heydrich".

**13.00-14.00** Lunch

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session.** Chair: Santos Juliá (UNED-Madrid)

**14.00-15.30**

-Isabel Burdiel: "The Queen's Two Bodies: Beyond private and public in the biography of Isabel II of Spain".

-Javier Moreno (Universidad Complutense de Madrid): "The Crown and the Nation: Studying Alfonso XIII of Spain".

**15.30-16.00** Coffee Break

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session.** Chair: Isabel Burdiel (University of Valencia)

**16.00-17.30**

-Maarit Leskelä-Karki (Institute for Advanced Studies. University of Turku, Finland): "Figures from the Shadow: On the Tradition of Women's Biographical Writing in Finland"

-Juan Pan-Montojo (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid): "The Spanish Basque Domingo Ordoñana: Progress, Civilization and Order in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Uruguay"

## **Saturday 21 April**

**4rd Session.** Chair: Mónica Bolufer (University of Valencia)

**9.30-11.00**

-Birgitte Possing (Copenhagen University): "Bodil Koch: In Search of the Keys to a Biographical Analysis".

-Mónica Burguera (University de Valencia): "Performing Middle-Class Womanhood in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Spain: The Memoirs of Juana de Vega, countess of Espoz y Mina".

**11.00-11.30:** Coffee Break

**5<sup>th</sup> Session.** Chair: James Amelang (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

**11.30-13.00**

-Fernando Molina (Universidad del País Vasco): "Writing the self into the Nation: Autobiography, Nationalism and National Identity"

-Roy Foster (Hertford College. University of Oxford): "Privates Lives and Posthumous Reputations: Love and affection among the Irish revolutionary generation, 1890-1916"

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