**History and Social Justice: AIDS/HIV Activism**

How can the history of one’s own personal involvement in the fight against AIDS/HIV since the 1980s and academic history writing about it contribute to the improvement of social justice in the area of health today? What are the boundaries between ‘fact’ and ‘fiction’ in such histories, between objective ‘truth’ and ‘subjective’ memory? What ‘drives’ one’s passion for health activism and professional history writing? And, how can one turn the history of one’s political and professional involvement into actual social change and improvement of health care?

These are some of the fundamental questions, which will be considered in this segment. Dr Claudia Stein, the director of the Centre for the History of Medicine at Warwick University will be discussing these issues with two outstanding health experts and activists, Dr Joseph Sonnabend, a physician and scientist, who first advocated community-based research in the US, and Dr Rupert Whitaker, one of the founders of the Terrence Higgins Trust, and the chairman of The Tuke Institute, a UK-based charity that aims to create change in health-services for the public’s benefit.