

Humanities Research Centre

***'Homecoming' after War: Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives***

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Programme**

08:45-09:00 Registration and Coffee (Wolfson Research Exchange Room 2 & 3, Third Floor, University of Warwick Library)

09:00-09:15 Welcome from Organisers – Niels Boender and Yara Staets

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09:15-10:00 Keynote: Professor Kate McLoughlin (Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford)

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10:00-10:15 Short Break (With Tea and Coffee)

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**Session 1:** What home?: Disrupted Homecomings

Chair: Yara Staets (University of Warwick)

10:15-10:35 Professor Taylor Soja (Illinois State University)  
*When the Post-War Isn't Permanent: Coming Home in the Age of Britain's "Small Wars"*

10:35-10:55 Rose Miyonga (University of Warwick)  
*We Can Never Go Back: Homecoming, Loss, and Claim-Making in post-Mau Mau Kenya'*

10:55-11:15 Professor Amy Carney (Pennsylvania State University)  
*Where is Home? The Experience of a German-Jew in the American Army*

11:15-11:25 Q and A

**Session 2:** Women's Homecomings

Chair: Professor Susan Carruthers (University of Warwick)

11:30-11:50 Professor Alison Fell (University of Liverpool)  
*Female Combatants, Demobilisation and Post-War Memory Cultures*

11:50-12:10 Christina Chatzitheodorou (University of Glasgow)  
*Returning Home as Communists: Female Partisans in the Aftermath of the Greek Civil War (1946-1949)*

12:10-12:30 Dr hab. Marcin Filipowicz, prof. ucz. (University of Warsaw)

*Returns of the surviving Jewish heroines in the perspective of postmemory. The case of contemporary Czech prose*

12:30-12:50 Dr Emma Long (University of East Anglia)  
*After the war, he was changed: Military partners' narratives of living with the spectre of combat*

12:50 -13:00 Q and A

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13:00-13:40 Lunch (Wolfson Research Exchange Room 1)

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**Session 3:** The Politics of Homecoming and the State

Chair: Niels Boender (University of Warwick)

13:40-14:00 Dr Elena Racheva (University of Oxford)  
*From Outsiders to Heroes: the Relations between War Veterans, the Russian State, and Society*

14:00-14:20 Dr Robin Bates (University of Cambridge/University of Warwick)  
*Veterans in a New Field? Veterans' Rights in the Post-Civil War United States, 1865-1907*

14:20-14:40 Professor Drew Flanagan (University of Pittsburgh at Bradford)  
*Home from the 30 Years' War: François de la Rocque, Veterans' Identity, and Memory in France, 1945-2014*

14:40-15:00 Professor Susan Carruthers  
*From Khaki to Mufti: Clothing, Entitlement, and Veterans: Homecoming in Transnational Perspective, 1945-6*

15:00 -15:10 Q and A

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15:10-15:25 Short Break (with Tea and Coffee)

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**Session 4:** Disability-centric histories of Homecoming

Chair: Professor Holly Furneaux (University of Cardiff)

15:25-15:45 Dr Michael Robinson (University of Liverpool)  
*The 'Prematurely Aged Ex-Serviceman' Debate of the 1930s: A Tri-National Case Study*

15:45-16:05 Nick Bailey (University of Leeds)  
*'Richard Fergusson, who lost his right arm while serving is now in a permanent position, and as long as his conduct is good he will be able to live in comfort':*

*Military masculinity, disability and civilian transition within the Corps of Commissionaires in Victorian and Edwardian Britain*

- 16:05-16:25 Sofya Anisimova (University of St. Andrews)  
*Disabled Officers of the Russian Imperial Army in Soviet Russia and in exile, 1917-1985*
- 16:25-16:35 Q and A
- Session 5:** Narrative and Homecoming
- Chair: Professor Kate McLoughlin (Harris Manchester College, Oxford)
- 16:40-17:00 Chloe Storer (King's College London)  
*He never talked about it? - The reticent veteran, has anything changed?*
- 17:00-17:20 Dr Eamonn O'Keeffe (University of Cambridge)  
*No Common Man: Searching for Shadrack Byfield*
- 17:20-17:40 Dimo Georgiev (Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen)  
*'Homecoming' after War Theme in the Memoirs of Bulgarian volunteers in the International Brigades from the 1940s to the 1960s*
- 17:40-17:50 Q and A
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- 17:50-18:00 Summing Up