

# Beyond the home

New histories of domestic servants

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## INTERNATIONAL TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

### KEYNOTE

Carolyn Steedman

### IN CONVERSATION

*Servants & political activism*

Karen Tranberg Hansen

& Laura Schwartz

### SPECIAL SESSIONS

*Servants & cultural representation*

Rachel Randall

Laura Humphreys & Tessa Chynoweth

### PANELS

Family

Sociability

Mobility

Community

Leisure

Rights

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# Beyond the home: new histories of domestic servants

Thursday 7th September

Friday 8th September

9 Registration

9.30 Welcome

9.45 *Keynote*

30 MIN BREAK

11.15 *Panel: Family*

11.30 *In conversation*

**Karen Tranberg Hansen:**

Servants and politics in  
late-colonial Zambia

**Laura Schwartz:**

Servants and women's  
suffrage in Britain

1 HOUR LUNCH

1.45 *Special session*

**Laura Humphreys**

**& Tessa Chynoweth:**

Swept under the carpet?  
Representing domestic  
servants in museums

1.45 *Special session*

**Rachel Randall:**

Testimonies of domestic  
workers in contemporary  
Brazilian cultural and digital  
production

2.15 *Panel: Community*

2.15 *Panel: Leisure*

30 MIN BREAK

4.30 *Panel: Sociability*

4:15 *Panel: Mobility*

5.45 Concluding remarks

6 Drinks reception

6 Close

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## Panels & chairs

## Panellists

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### Family

TBC

**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

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

To love and obey: the lives of married servants

### Community

TBC

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

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

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

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

**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

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

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

### Sociability

TBC

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

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

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

Oxford college servants and leisure

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

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

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### Rights

TBC

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

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

**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

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

Servants into workers: domestic service and the creation of a new Soviet person, 1920–1928

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

Maids in movement: domestic workers and collective action

### Leisure

TBC

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

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

**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

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

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

### Mobility

TBC

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

Early twentieth century Asian travelling nannies

**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

**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