

Warwick History 'POST-DOC' CLUB

Next Online Meeting: Mon 2 Dec at 5pm

The Independent Historian

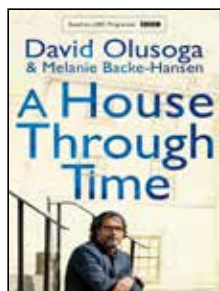
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Most of us postgraduate and post-doctoral researchers will have encountered Independent Historians working in our various fields. But independent doesn't mean amateur – their work often attains levels of excellence many of us working in university research departments aspire to achieve. How do Independent Historians maintain such academic excellence and rigour without access to the support networks afforded through institutional affiliation? This Post-Doc-Club session invites three independent historians to share insights into their inspirations and methods of working.

Discussion Document: John Sanders: 'Pity the poor independent scholar!': *The Lament of a Latecomer Historian*
Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, Cambridge University Press: Oct. 2024 <https://bit.ly/ind-sch>

Speakers:

Melanie Backe-Hansen



Melanie Backe-Hansen is an independent historian specialising in the social history of houses and regularly contributes to national and online media. She was research consultant for television series, *A House Through Time*, and co-authored the book of the same name with David Olusoga. Melanie is also the author of

House Histories: The Secrets Behind Your Front Door and *Historic Streets and Squares: The Secrets on Your Doorstep*.

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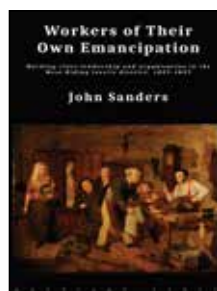
Mark Crail



Mark Crail is a writer, editor and researcher on 19th and 20th century labour history – focusing largely on Chartism. Professionally, he used to write about employment issues – from legal compliance to good practice, HR analytics to pay data, but he retired in order to focus on what he enjoys doing.

<http://www.markcrail.co.uk>

John Sanders



During a varied career in adult, further, and higher education, John Sanders pioneered strategies to extend student access and enhance progression and produced reports and commentaries on different aspects of adult learning, widening participation, and teaching excellence. Since

retiring he has returned to his earlier historical research and authored a series of articles on popular radicalism and trade unionism in the 1820s and 1830s. <https://www.breviarystuff.org.uk/john-sanders-workers-of-their-own-emancipation/>

John Townley



John Townley is an independent historian specialising in the local history of Birmingham with a particular interest in maps: <https://historywm.com/file/historywm/john-townley-18c-history-in-maps-part-one.pdf>

<https://theironroom.wordpress.com/2023/06/05/a-chance-finding-of-a-window-into-18th-century-birmingham-life/>

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All welcome (not restricted to Warwick Post-Docs)