



## Guest Lecture

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**Carolyn Steedman**

### **Work: History and Poetry**

Carolyn Steedman is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Warwick, UK. She is the author of many books, including *Poetry for Historians*; or *W. H. Auden and History*, which has just been published by Manchester University Press.

Both the writing of History and the writing of Poetry (fiction in general, in the Aristotelian sense) are work, because writing is work, or labour. The poet W. H. Auden had a great deal to say about History, in his poetry and elsewhere: this lecture will explore Auden as a kind of historiographer, or historical thinker, and consider the historical task of discovering what he meant as a form of labour—a labour that came perilously close to housework for historian who found that her main critical approach to the notoriously messy poet, was to get out her mop and pail and bottle of bleach (metaphorically speaking!) and clean up after him.

The lecture will be held in English on:

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