

## Real Things: 1880 to the present (York, 5-8 Jul 07)

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REAL THINGS: MATTER, MATERIALITY, REPRESENTATION  
1880 TO THE PRESENT

University of York, 5-8 July 2007

Proposals for twenty-minute presentations or panels of three to four presenters are invited for a conference entitled \"Real Things: Matter, Materiality, Representation, 1880 to the present,\" to be held at the University of York, England and co-sponsored by the University of Sussex.

Keynote speakers:

Bill Brown

Mary Ann Doane

Hal Foster

Patrick Keiller

Hermione Lee

Edmund White

This conference proposes a re-engagement with representational realism and its objects and effects across a wide range of aesthetic, critical and theoretical practices, from 1880 to the present day. We seek to engage cutting-edge work that raises new questions about the status of the object of representation; representations as archives of material history; the shifts in representational practices associated with modernism and postmodernism; the changing status of real bodies and lives (as opposed to their representations) as objects of analysis in the humanities; and the politics of these transitions. Topics of interest include but are not limited to the following:

- Realism as modernism/modernism as realism
- Rethinking photographic indexicality; cinema and/as archive
- Paintings, documents, realism: literary and visual representation
- The turn to science
- Postmodernism, realism and the real
- Representation and the psychoanalytic Real
- Evidence, document and representation
- New philosophies of nature
- Documentary film practices

- Biopolitics, biopower, bodies
- Forensics, indices and popular culture
- Performance, theatricality and materiality
- Success and/or failure of representation
- Presentation vs. representation
- New technologies, representation and embodiment
- Anti-sublimation and resistance to metaphor

Please send 250-word paper abstracts and 1000-word panel abstracts to [realthings@events.york.ac.uk](mailto:realthings@events.york.ac.uk) by 1 February 2007. For more information, please contact [realthings@events.york.ac.uk](mailto:realthings@events.york.ac.uk).

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