

WHISTLER, NATURE AND SCIENCE

Study Day at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, and Visit to Cambridge University Botanic Garden, to complement the 'Whistler and Nature' exhibition from The Hunterian, University of Glasgow (on view at the Fitzwilliam Museum 8th January – 17th March 2019).

A collaboration between the Fitzwilliam Museum and History of Art, University of Glasgow; the Department of History of Art, University of Cambridge; and the University of Cambridge Botanic Garden (Tickets: £12.50, to include lunch, teas and coffees on 11th March)

Programme

Monday 11th March

10.00am: doors open; tea and coffee

10.30am: Welcome by Dr. Patricia de Montfort (Research Curator, The Hunterian and History of Art, University of Glasgow, and Curator of 'Whistler and Nature'), and Prof. Clare A.P. Willsdon (Professor of the History of Art, University of Glasgow), and Introduction by Prof. David S. Ingram, OBE, VMH, ScD, FRSE (former Regius Keeper [Director], Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, former Master of St Catharine's College, Cambridge and now Honorary Professor, Universities of Edinburgh and Lancaster)

10.45 - 11.45am: Welcome to the exhibition by Steph Scholten (Director, The Hunterian), followed by visit with Dr. Patricia de Montfort and Prof. Clare A.P. Willsdon to view it and selected works by Whistler from the Fitzwilliam collections.

11.45am - 12.15pm: Prof. Rosalind Polly Blakesley (Head of History of Art, University of Cambridge): *How Russia Learned to Love Russian Nature - and Whistler Followed Suit*

12.15 – 12.45pm: Dr. Patricia de Montfort: *James McNeill Whistler: Mapping Nature and Environment c.1851-1900*

12.45 – 13.00pm: Questions

13.00 - 1.45pm: Lunch

1.45- 2.15pm: Dr. Paul White (Editor and Research Associate, The Darwin Correspondence Project, University of Cambridge): *Landscape and the Darwinian Sublime*

2.15 - 2.45pm: Caroline Ikin (Garden historian and PhD candidate, Manchester Metropolitan University): *Ruskin's Argument with Whistler: landscape, morality and modernity*

2.45-3.00pm: Tea and coffee

3-3.30pm: Prof. Caroline Arscott (Courtauld Institute of Art, London): *Whistler and Memory*

3.30-4pm: Prof. Clare A.P. Willsdon: *Sounding the Garden: Whistler, Darwin and Music*

4-4.20pm: Questions, round table, and concluding remarks by Prof. David Ingram

Tuesday 12th March

10.00-c.11.30am: morning visit to University of Cambridge Botanic Garden, led by Prof. John Parker, FLS, VMH, former Director, and an Emeritus Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge. This will explore the Garden's history as a site founded by John Henslow, Darwin's teacher (if the weather is inclement, there will be an indoor talk at the Garden by Prof. Parker instead). Please meet at **10am at the Main Entrance to the Botanic Garden (Trumpington Road/Bateman St)**. Please note that numbers for this visit are strictly limited; if you have not already received an email from Prof. Willsdon confirming that you have a place, it will not unfortunately be possible to accommodate you on it.