

NEW HISTORIANS

POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE 2023



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA

HISTORIANS IN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

“Good historians, I suspect, whether they think about it or not, have the future in their bones. Besides the question: Why? the historian also asks the question: Whither?”
- Edward Hallett Carr, *What Is History?*

Historians have always been involved in any great movement for change. Whether the cause has been for women’s liberation, queer rights, freedom from colonisation and racial oppression, or in the union movement, historians have played a vital role in uncovering lesser-known pasts, and helping groups become conscious of their present through them.

New Historians is an annual conference hosted by postgraduate students in the History Programme at Victoria University of Wellington - Te Herenga Waka. This year, New Historians will be seeking papers from postgraduates on:

- Past social movements
- Events, figures, or stories related to present social movements
- The role of historians in social movements
- The role of “usable pasts” in social change
- The role of history in the backlash to or criticism of social movements
- More generally we welcome all papers that reflect on or engage with the present and future usages of any given history.

Contributions are welcome from a range of disciplines including History, Anthropology, Geography, International Relations, Linguistics, Literature, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Māori and Pacific studies.

To apply to present at the conference, please send us an abstract of between 300 and 500 words, as well as a short biographical note and full contact details to newhistorians@vuw.ac.nz.

The conference is open to postgraduate students in Oceania, and will be a hybrid event including an option for zoom presentations. Priority will be given to in-person presentations which are relevant to the conference theme, but all applications will be considered.

There will be a modest registration fee which will cover lunches and am/pm tea, but not the conference dinner. This fee is currently estimated at \$35 for in-person presenters, and \$20 for online presenters.

Last date for submission : 16 June 2023

Conference dates : 31 August 2023 - 1 September 2023

Venue : Victoria University of Wellington, Alan MacDiarmid Building, Rooms 103 and 105

For any queries, please feel free to write to us at newhistorians@vuw.ac.nz. To stay updated, feel free to join the [New Historians Conference Facebook group](#).

*Ngā mihi,
Leanne, Isis and Amal for the New Historians Conference*