From the Local to the Global
Political Meetings and Public Space in England 1700-2000

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Katrina Navickas' lecture will examine the history of contested public space in England from 1700 to 2000. It focuses on legislation controlling political meetings, and on contests between democratic movements and the authorities over restrictions on public meetings in open spaces, especially parks and squares. It therefore speaks to current debates about the privatisation of public space in towns. It demonstrates how contests over the freedom of speech have always involved challenges to the use of space, and which groups were defined as 'the public'.

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Everyone is welcome to attend.