

## Legacies and Afterlives of the Empire

# Public Lecture with Prof Corinne Fowler

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## Legacies of Empire: Rural Walks Through Colonial Britain

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British Landscapes, Land Ownership and Land Struggles as Legacies of Empire

The countryside is cherished by many Britons. There is a depth of feeling about rural places, the moors and lochs, valleys and mountains, cottages and country houses. Yet the British countryside, so integral to national identity, is rarely seen as having anything to do with colonialism. Corinne Fowler brings rural life and colonial rule together to describe how imperial wealth transformed the British countryside and intensified land struggles. The talk reflects on these histories through a series of country walks featured in Corinne's book, *Our Island Stories: Country Walks Through Colonial Britain* (Penguin, April 2024).

Corinne Fowler is Professor of Colonialism and Heritage. She specialises in colonial history, decolonisation and the British countryside's relationship to Empire. Her most recent book is *Green Unpleasant Land: Creative Responses to Rural England's Colonial Connections* (Peepal Tree Press, 2020). Her forthcoming book is *The Countryside: Ten Walks Through Colonial Britain* (Penguin Allen Lane, 2023).

*Everyone is welcome to attend.*

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