

FAMOUS BATTLES AND THEIR MYTHS

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2016 - VENUE: READING MUSEUM, READING TOWN HALL

9:00-9:15 Registration, *Coffee*

9:15-9:30 Welcome and Introduction (*Dr Athena Leoussi & Prof Beatrice Heuser, UoR*)

9:30-10:30 (*Chair: Dr Katherine Harloe, Classics, UoR*)

The Battle of Thermopylae 480 BC (*Dr Emma Aston, Classics, UoR*)

The Battle of the Teutoburg Forest in the reconstructed Arch of Germanicus (*Dr Matthew Nicholls, Classics, UoR*)

10:30-11:30 (*Chair: Professor Lindy Grant, History, UoR*)

The Battle of Hastings 1066 (*Dr Matthew Bennett*),

11:30-12:15

Guided tour of the Reading Bayeux Tapestry (*Professor Lindy Grant, UoR*)

12:15-13:00 (*Chair: Professor Beatrice Heuser, International Relations, UoR*)

The Albigensian Crusade and the Massacre of Béziers 1209 (*Prof Catherine Leglu, Modern Languages and European Studies, UoR*)

The Armada 1588 (*Professor Andrew Lambert, War Studies, King's College London*)

13:00-13:45 *Break*

13:45-15:15 (*Chair: Dr Athena Leoussi, Modern Languages and European Studies, UoR*)

The Naval Battle of Chatham, 1667 (*David Davies*)

The Battle of Waterloo 1815 (*Prof Alan Forrest, U of York*)

The Battle of Gettysburg 1863 (*Prof Georg Schild, U of Tübingen*)

15:15-15:30 *Break*

15:30-17:00 (*Chair: Professor Beatrice Heuser, International Relations, UoR*)

The Somme 1916 (*General Ret. Mungo Melvin*)

The Battle of Stalingrad 1942/43 (*Dr. Andreas Behnke - Politics & IR, UoR*)

The Battle of Chinoyi, Zimbabwe, 1966 (*Dr Heike Schmidt, History, UoR*)

17:00-18:00 (*Chair: Prof Beatrice Heuser, UoR*)

Concluding Remarks: The Role of Battles in the Construction of National Identities
(*Dr Athena Leoussi, UoR*)

Discussion