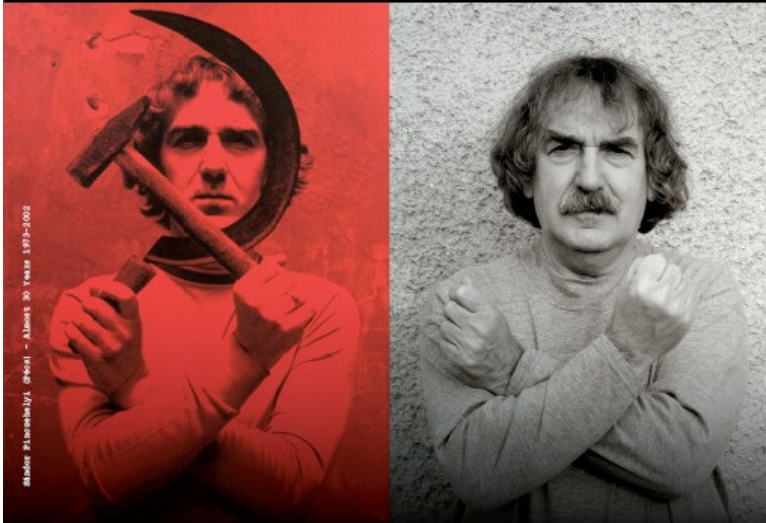


OVERCOMING DICTATORSHIPS



LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES

**Aston Webb Rotunda/
Barber Institute Photograph
Room
16. Oct- 6. Nov**

The lecture series is organised on the occasion of the exhibition *Overcoming Dictatorships* held at the Aston Webb Building, The University of Birmingham, 9 Oct.-9 Nov., weekdays 10-5

Thursday 16 October Aston Webb Rotunda 1-2pm

Overcoming Dictatorships: An Introduction to the exhibition

Dr Jutta Vinzent- History of Art Department, University of Birmingham

Co-curator of the exhibition and author of *OVERcoming DICTatorships in Europe*, Dr Vinzent discusses the project and the exhibition.

Tuesday 21 October, Aston Webb Rotunda 1-2pm

Authoritarianism in Ukraine (tbc)

Dr Nathaniel Copsey- Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham

A political scientist, Dr Copsey's research interests centre on the relations between the European Union and its eastern neighbours as well as the politics and governance of Poland and Ukraine.

Tuesday 28 October, Aston Webb Rotunda 1-2pm

Hannah Arendt: Politics and 'Dark Times'

Dr Steve Buckler- Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham

The lecture will examine the work of the German political theorist Hannah Arendt who made an influential contribution to the study of totalitarianism and who developed a distinctive conception of politics that was intended as a response to the vulnerability to oppression that we experience in 'dark times'.

Tuesday 4 November, Barber Institute Photograph Room 12-1pm

The Death of the Journalist: the image of Albania and the Balkans in the British media 2000-2007

Dr Gözim Alpion- Department of Sociology, University of Birmingham

Part of the article 'Images of Albania in the British Media', included in the book 'Encounters with Civilizations'. This lecture will argue that while a large number of Western reporters are highly conscientious professionals, there are cases when journalists do not report reality but the 'exotic'. By concentrating on the image of Albania and the Balkans in the British media between 2000 and 2007 Alpion argues that the newspaper text is neither informing nor entertaining.

Thursday 6 November, Aston Webb Rotunda 1-2pm

Overcoming Resistance: Memories of Nazism in the GDR

Dr Joanne Sayner- Department of German Studies, University of Birmingham

Dr Sayner's research focuses on writing in the two Germanies, pre-1989. Both in the sense of overcoming dictatorships through remembering fascism and for writers creating space to remember in the GDR.