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## **King's Maritime History Seminars, Spring 2022**

With cautious optimism, the Department of War Studies looks forward to welcoming people back for the BCMH King's Maritime History Seminars in 2022. The situation is constantly under review, of course, and the arrangements are subject to change, but the aim is to hold hybrid events. This means that there is an option to attend the seminars in person, but they will be simultaneously broadcasted online so that we may continue to enjoy the advantages, and safety, of the online experience. However you choose to attend, you must register in advance and follow the COVID guidance as outlined below.

### **The Inaugural Peter N. Davies Memorial Lecture**

**27 January 2022, 'British Shipbuilders plc: from Nationalisation to  
Privatisation, 1977-1984'**

**Prof. Hugh Murphy, University of Glasgow**

### **10 February 2022**

A Preliminary Investigation of Royal Navy Officer Professional  
Networks after 1673

**Sam McLean, Global Maritime History**

(Note: this seminar will be delivered remotely, from Canada, though it may still  
be attended in person at King's)

### **24 February 2022,**

Brazil and the ZOPACAS (1986-2013): Brazilian Diplomatic and  
Defence Relations in the South Atlantic

**Maísa Edwards, University of Sao Paulo / KCL**

### **10 March 2022,**

Facing Unlimited War: Strategic Evolution and Cultural  
Transformation, 1795-1798

**Rachel Blackman-Rogers, King's College London**



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**21 April 2022**

An Explosion Heard Across Ireland: the Whiddy Island  
Disaster, 1979

**Lee Coppack, Independent Researcher**

**5 May 2022**

The Creation of UK Ministry of Defence and the US Department of  
Defense: Power, Politics and Agenda, A New History

**James W.E. Smith, King's College London**

**19 May 2022**

Sex and Drink and Rock and Roll: The Sea Shanty in its Economic,  
Social, and Cultural Context

**Roy Fenton, BCMH / Ships in Focus**

All seminars begin at 17:15 GMT. As always, attendance is free and open to all. No matter how you choose to attend (online or in person), you must register, in advance, via the event listing here: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/security-studies/events> . You will receive, by email, a link to the seminar on Zoom.

If you choose to attend in person, the seminars will be held in the usual room, K6.07 (the newly re-named the 'Dockrill Room'). We would ask all attendees to ensure that they have a negative COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours before the event. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell or have symptoms associated with COVID-19. Adhere to the one-way system in place in the College, and we encourage you to use face coverings whilst moving around the building.

The King's Maritime History Seminar is hosted by the 'Laughton Naval Unit' and the 'Sir Michael Howard Centre for the History of War' in the Department of War Studies, King's College London. It is organised by the British Commission for Maritime History ([www.maritimehistory.org.uk](http://www.maritimehistory.org.uk)) in association with the Society for Nautical Research (<https://snr.org.uk/>) and with the support of Lloyds Register. For further information contact Dr Alan James, War Studies, KCL, WC2R 2LS ([alan.2.james@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:alan.2.james@kcl.ac.uk)).