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Book Symposium: Rethinking Historical Time: New Approaches to Presentism

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This symposium marks the publication of a new collective volume, *Rethinking Historical Time: New Approaches to Presentism*, edited by Marek Tamm and Laurent Olivier (Bloomsbury, 2019). The book has brought together an international team of scholars working in history, anthropology, archaeology, geography, philosophy, literature and visual studies to rethink the epistemological consequences of presentism for the study of past and to discuss critically the traditional assumptions that underpin research on historical time. (For more information about the book, see <https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/rethinking-historical-time-9781350065086/>.)

The symposium features the presentations by the two editors (Marek Tamm and Laurent Olivier) and by one of the contributors (Liisi Keedus), but also two papers by the readers of the volume (Tommaso Giordano and Tõnu Viik).

Programme

- 14.00–14.30: **Marek Tamm**: Introduction: Presentism and Multiple Temporalities
- 14.30–15.00: **Laurent Olivier**: Time, Archaeology and the Anthropocene
- 15.00–15.30: **Liisi Keedus**: Crisis of the Historicist Notion of Time
- 15.30–16.00: *Coffee break*
- 16.00–16.30: **Tommaso Giordano**: Rethinking Historical Time: Philosophy of History or Conceptual Toolbox?
- 16.30–17.00: **Tõnu Viik**: What is Present in Experiencing Time and History?
- 17.00–17.30: Public discussion

- 18.00–20.00: Evening Meeting for Presenters