



Public Lecture

MAKING BABIES IN THE SOUTH SEAS: CAPTAIN COOK'S UNRECONCILED ACCOUNTS

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*To be introduced by Dr Tom Dunning,
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This lecture is about the conflicts between the official accounts Captain Cook was obliged to make of his voyages and the alternative history of his passions (such as anger, pleasure, curiosity and ambition) that he alludes to in his accounts only very obliquely or very briefly. 'Making babies' is a metaphor taken from *A High Wind in Jamaica* by Richard Hughes, and it refers to this kind of narrative abeyance, in which things are placed until the right story-form comes along, if it ever does. The lecture will conclude with the suggestion that *the narrative of Captain Cook's death is still in this kind of abeyance.*

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