

# Comics and Graphic Novels

## The Politics of Form

A new interdisciplinary network and seminar series promoting the academic study of comics at Oxford.

Programme, Hilary Term 2017  
Thursdays, 5.15pm, Weeks 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7  
TORCH Seminar Room, Radcliffe Humanities Building

### Week 1, 19th January

**Sarah Lightman: 'Laydeez do Comics'**

Sarah Lightman, artist, writer, winner of a 2015 Will Eisner Award, curator of 'Graphic Details: Confessional Comics by Jewish Women' (2014), and co-founder and co-director of 'Laydeez do Comics', discusses her first graphic novel, 'The Book of Sarah', and Sharon Rudahl's short comic, 'The Star Sapphire'.

### Week 3, 2nd February

**Jason Dittmer: 'Trump in the Age of Captain America/Captain America in the Age of Trump'**

Jason Dittmer, University College London, author of 'Captain America and the Nationalist Superhero', traces the outlines of Trump's populism, power, and pugnacious foreign policy in the pages of Captain America comics

### Extra Event: Week 4, 5pm, 9th February

**Soloup: 'Narrating History Through Comics: Aivali'**

Comics artist Soloup discusses the paths that modern graphic novels follow when they represent historical events, based on examples from his graphic novel Aivali (2014).

Note change of time and venue: 5pm, 47 Wellington Square, Ground Floor Lecture Room

### Week 5, 16th February

**Ernesto Priego, Marisol Rodriguez, Francisco de la Mora and Jessica Haradez: 'Mexican Comics'**

Comics scholar Ernesto Priego, City University London, and comics artists Marisol Rodriguez and Francisco de la Mora discuss the current state of Mexican comics in a panel chaired by Jessica Haradez, University of Cambridge.

### Extra Event: Week 6, 5.45pm, Tuesday 21st February

**Martin Rowson: 'Giving Offence: A 35000 Year History of Visual Satire'**

British editorial cartoonist and writer Martin Rowson, whose work frequently appears in newspapers such as The Guardian and The Daily Mirror, reflects on his practice of visual satire.

Note change of day and time: 5.45pm, Tuesday

### Week 7, 2nd March

**Ruth Kelly, Benjamin Dix and Dominic Davies: 'Comics and Human Rights'**

Ruth Kelly, Programme Policy Manager of the NGO ActionAid, Ben Dix, senior fellow at SOAS and founder of the PositiveNegatives project, and Dominic Davies, University of Oxford, explore the relationship between comics and human rights in an event ran in collaboration with the TORCH Network, 'Fiction and Human Rights'.

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