

**HARC Dialogues is pleased to present**

**Imperialism, Globalization,  
and Interdisciplinarity**

with Regenia Gagnier (University of Exeter)  
and Simon Schaffer (University of Cambridge).

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 5.15pm-7.00pm**  
**Management Building Lecture Theatre,**  
**Royal Holloway, University of London**

Professor Gagnier's lecture, *Inter-imperialities and the Global Circulation of Actants and Ideas*, will argue that the literature of Victorian Britain offers a valuable case study through which to examine questions of globalization, transculturation, and liberalization. The clashes and formal aporias of modern literatures often move between the poles of progress/optimism/hope and nostalgia/resentment/melancholy, providing us unique insights into very broad transformations of the modern era.

Professor Schaffer's lecture, *Inter-disciplines and their Colonial Histories*, connects current administrative enthusiasms for interdisciplinarity with aspects of disciplines' history. This history suggests that disciplines have often emerged from interdisciplinary enterprise, and that such enterprise was frequently linked with colonial projects of knowledge and power. Such genealogies raise interesting questions about the current fate of interdisciplinarity.

The lectures will be followed by discussion chaired by Felix Driver (Royal Holloway, University of London).

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