

**Monday 2nd October 2017****ALISTAIR FAIR - *Edinburgh's Unbuilt 'Opera House', 1960 - 1975***

Dr Alistair Fair is Chancellor's Fellow and Lecturer in Architectural History, at the University of Edinburgh. He is a specialist in post-war architecture in Britain and has recently completed a book on post-war theatre building. This talk examines the infamous proposals of 1960 - 1975 for a major new theatre in central Edinburgh that were a regular fixture in the local press. Alistair looks at what went wrong.

Monday 6th November 2017**PATRICIA ANDREW - *British architects, landscape designers and gardeners in Russia***

Dr Patricia Andrew is an art and garden historian with a career in galleries and museums, and has also served on the Committee of the Garden History Society in Scotland. She specialises in Scottish artists at home and abroad from the 18th Century to the present day. This is a joint lecture with Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage, focusing on the legacy of British (particularly Scottish) architects, garden designers and engineers in Russia.

Monday 4th December 2017**TOM PARNELL - *Training the City: Built Heritage Legacy of a Railway Battle***

Tom Parnell is an architectural historian, and is currently a Senior Casework Officer for Historic Environment Scotland. He has a personal interest in the built heritage legacy of railway development and re-development. His talk looks at railways in Edinburgh, particularly the dash for Leith in the later 19th Century, examining what might have been, what was lost and what legacy survives today.

Monday 5th February 2018**ELIZABETH DARLING - *Heroines of the Canongate: Urban Reform in Edwardian Old Town***

Dr Elizabeth Darling is Reader in Architectural History at Oxford Brookes University. Her work focuses on gender, space and reform in the 1890s - 1940s. Elizabeth offers us a different perspective on urban reform in the Old Town, highlighting the many women working around the same time as Patrick Geddes, and the change they effected in environments in and around the Canongate,

Monday 12th March 2018**LOUISA HUMM - *William Adam and Formal Landscape Design in Scotland 1720 - 1745***

A graduate of St. Andrew's University, Louisa Humm works for Historic Environment Scotland- initially in their listing team and now as a Senior Casework Officer responsible for listed building consent work in Glasgow and other parts of South-West Scotland. Her lecture investigates how Adam's garden designs related to contemporary and earlier fashions in Scotland and England. Featured estates include Newliston and Blair Crambeth.

Monday 9th April 2018**DIMITRIS THEODOSSOPOULOS - *The Collapse of Holyrood Abbey Church in 1768***

Dr Dimitris Theodossopoulos teaches conservation and architectural technology at the University of Edinburgh, and is also a civil engineer. He is particularly interested in the technical aspects of monuments and their preservation. His talk sheds light onto the collapse of Holyrood Abbey Church, following the puzzling substitution of decaying roof trusses with masonry walls in 1760.

Lectures take place at 6.30pm at

St Andrew's and St George's West Church, 13 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA

Admission: £5.00 (£2.50 students). Non-members welcome. Members may attend 6 lectures for £25.