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This seminar brings together historians from New York area institutions, together with literary scholars, political scientists, philosophers and others working historically, to hear research papers by visiting scholars, discuss recent books in the field of modern British history (from the late seventeenth century to the present), or comment on work in progress by members of the group. Its Brown-Bag Book Club additionally provides a space for sharing thoughts, questions, and ideas about the latest literature in a friendly and informal setting; fully online and held around lunchtime, it offers an opportunity to engage with new academic work in a convivial atmosphere that builds a vibrant community of British Studies enthusiasts.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

September 12	*Discussing Sam Wetherell's* Liverpool and the Unmaking of Britain Brown-Bag Book Club
September 25	*Authoritarianism and Empire: A Constructive Anachronism?* **Lisa Ford**, George Washington University Respondent: **James Stafford**, Columbia University
October 9	*Windrush Cricket: Imperial Culture, Caribbean Migration, and the Remaking of Postwar England* **Michael Collins**, University College London Respondent: **James Cantres**, Hunter College, City University of New York
November 19	*A Snapshot of England's Psychoactive Revolution at the End of the Seventeenth Century* **Phil Withington**, University of Sheffield Respondent: **Carl Wennerlind**, Barnard College
December 5	*Discussing Sadiah Qureshi's* Vanished: An Unnatural History of Extinction Brown-Bag Book Club
February 5	*Abolition and Abortion: The Pro-Slavery Origins of the Ellenborough Act* **Julia Burke**, Columbia University Respondent: **Ren Pepitone**, New York University
April 9	*Hidden Crimes: Sexual Violence and Britain's Navy in the Age of Sail* **Seth LeJacq**, Hunter College, City University of New York
May 15	*Joseph Harley & Vicky Holmes's* Objects of Poverty: Material Culture in Britain from 1700 Brown-Bag Book Club

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