

# The university reimagined: past and present

The idea of the university has been evolving since medieval Europe and the process of change continues today through innovation and reimagining of purpose. This symposium will focus on how, when and where universities have been remodelled or repurposed and how their history informs their present. It will consider, for example: why new forms of the university were introduced; how new institutions challenged the university's established functions, or their relationship with church and state; the process through which these institutions became a primary mechanism for knowledge production and dissemination, and how they came to serve a greater proportion of citizens. It will consider the context, motivations and expression of these changes across time and space and how they continue to inform and shape the universities of today.

The symposium will be opened with a keynote address by Professor William Whyte, St. Johns College, Oxford, who recently published *Redbrick: a social and architectural history of Britain's civic universities*.

## Call for papers

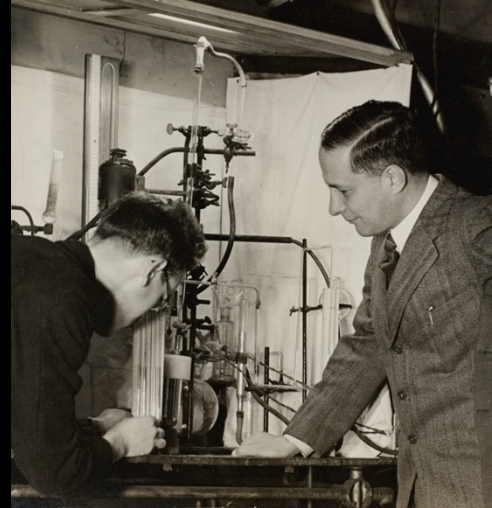
Proposals are invited for 20-minute papers on topics which consider developments in the form and function of universities or which offer comparative analysis between types of universities or universities in different global settings.

Abstracts of a maximum of 200 words should be submitted to: [james.hopkins@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:james.hopkins@manchester.ac.uk)

Please send abstracts by 17 July 2015

## Registration

There is no charge for the event and lunch will be provided. Please register at:  
<http://the-university-reimagined.eventbrite.co.uk>



One day symposium

16 September 2015

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Manchester