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# Eye of the Beholder

Visitor Experience at Nineteenth-Century World Fairs



## A Lecture by Ruth Slatter

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

6 to 7 pm

In this talk, Dr. Ruth Slatter will focus on the many thousands of visitors who streamed through these exhibition spaces. Using guidebooks, newspaper reports, polemical magazine articles and photographs taken of these events, she will reflect on the glimpses they provide into how visitors contributed to and experienced nineteenth-century world fairs. What did they make of designed objects on display? How did they respond to the new technologies being promoted?

How did their presence in Chicago, London, Paris, Barcelona, and other host cities contribute to the momentary design of these cityscapes?

**Dr Ruth Slatter** is Lecturer in Human Geography at the University of Hull (UK). She is a historical and cultural geographer, primarily interested in individuals' experiences of nineteenth-century institutional spaces. She also co-founded the **Visit1862** project, an online space for the exchange of knowledge about world fairs and how visitors experienced them.



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