

# The Object Of Poetry

Conference Programme

University of Dundee  
Dalhousie Building  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**Registration • Tea & Coffee**  
9.00 – 9.25am

**Welcome**  
9.25 – 9.30am

Professor Murray Pittock • University of Glasgow

**Session 1 • Concepts and Comparators**  
9.30 – 11.15am

Professor Ann Rigney • University of Utrecht  
*The Social Life of Texts*

Professor Andrew Prescott • University of Glasgow  
and Dr. Julia Thomas • University of Cardiff  
*Memory, Masonry and the Making of Shakespeare*

Dr. Nicola J. Watson • The Open University  
*Writers' Houses*

**Tea & Coffee**  
11.15– 11.30am

**Session 2 • Celebrating and Mythologizing Burns**  
11.30 – 1.15pm

Johnny Rodger • Glasgow School of Art  
*Burns is Spaced Out Man*

Kirsteen McKee • University of Edinburgh  
*Burns, Bombay and the British Empire*

Professor Murray Pittock • University of Glasgow  
*Highland Mary: The Object of Myth*

**Lunch**  
1.15 – 2.15pm

Mrs Nicola Cowmeadow • Soprano  
*Burnsong*

**Session 3 • Commemoration and Contesting Heroes**  
2.15 – 4.00pm

Professor Christine MacLeod • University of Bristol  
*The Immortal James Watt": whose hero? The politics of commemoration, 1819 – 1919*

Professor Murdo Macdonald • University of Dundee  
*Monuments to Robert Burns: Extending the View*

Professor Christopher A. Whatley • University of Dundee  
*Whose Burns, which Burns? Dundee's Burns statue, by Sir John Steell, 1880.*

**Tea & Coffee**  
4.00 – 4.15pm

**Plenary Session**  
4.15 – 4.45pm

This conference is the culmination of the AHRC funded project  
*Robert Burns: Inventing Tradition and Securing Memory 1796 - 1909*

**PI: Professor Murray Pittock**  
University of Glasgow

**CI: Professor Christopher Whatley**  
University of Dundee

**CI: Professor Murdo MacDonald**  
University of Dundee



**Walking Tour**  
5.00 – 6.00pm

Professor Charles McKean will conduct a walking tour leaving from outside the University's main Tower Building, Perth Road, taking in medieval Gardyne's Land and ending in Albert Square, where Sir John Steell's statue of Robert Burns is located.

**For those delegates who selected this option**  
Dinner is booked at Bon Appetit, Exchange Street, Dundee for 6.30pm

