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## HARRY RANKEN MEMORIAL LECTURE 2020

**‘Atrocities: Historical Reflections on Sexual Violence in Armed Conflicts’**

**Professor Joanna Bourke, Birkbeck University of London**

### All Welcome

**Harry Ranken** was a graduate of the University of Glasgow and a captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Before the Great War he was a distinguished expert in tropical diseases. He was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously for ‘gallantry in the face of the enemy’ during the First Battle of the Aisne in September 1914.

**Joanna Bourke** has worked on the history of the emotions, particularly fear and hatred, and the history of sexual violence. In the past few years, her research has focussed on questions of humanity, militarisation, and pain. She wrote a book entitled *What It Means to Be Human*. In 2014, she published two books: *Wounding the World. How Military Violence and War Games Invade Our World* and *The Story of Pain: From Prayer to Painkillers*.

Her primary focus has been on British, American, and Australian societies from the 1760s to today.

