

**RGS-IBG Workshop:
‘Using the RGS-IBG Collections and Archives
for Research and Teaching’**

*10.30-16.00, Friday 30th January 2009
RGS-IBG, 1 Kensington Gore, London*

Sponsored by History and Philosophy of Geography RG and Historical Geography RG

Following investment by RGS-IBG in ‘Opening the Archives’, HPGRG and HGRG are pleased to announce a workshop designed for academic staff, researchers and postgraduates wishing to learn more about the collections and archives of the RGS-IBG on Friday 30 January 2009.

The workshop is intended to encourage further use of the RGS-IBG collections and archives, which include manuscript archives, prints and photographs, film, artefacts, maps and other holdings. It is envisaged the workshop will act as a stimulus for future research by academic staff, graduate students and undergraduates. As well as material for historians of geographical knowledge, the collections will support possible research across the entire range of geographical activities.

Interested individuals are requested to REGISTER with Catherine Souch [c.souch@rgs.org] by **Monday 12 January 2009**. If expressions of interest exceed capacity (twenty), efforts will be made to ensure equitable representation of HE institutions at the event, with the request that participants feed back to interested colleagues and students. RGS-IBG will provide a number of bursaries to support attendance by those with the highest travel costs, and HPGRG will make a number of bursaries available for postgraduate/unwaged attendance by HPGRG members.

10.30-11.00 – ARRIVAL and Coffee	
11.00-11.15 – INTRODUCTION – Catherine Souch, Richard Powell, Hayden Lorimer, Avril Maddrell	
11.15-12.00 – STRATEGIC OVERVIEW of Collections - Catherine Souch, Alasdair Macleod	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth of the Collections; Worked and unworked areas • Opportunities with Society’s public engagement programme • Example of initiatives with AHRC, incl. ‘Hidden Histories of exploration’ Lowri Jones 	
12.00-13.30 – TOUR of Collections and informal discussions with Collections staff	12.00-13.30 Roundtable discussion by participants developing undergraduate collections based teaching materials
13.30-14.00 – LUNCH	
14.00-15.00 – Working with the Collections Nicola Thomas – Harding King: Biography and the RGS archives Cliff Pereira and Vandana Patel – Crossing Continents and Photographic exhibits Charlie Withers – Institutional histories, overlapping geographies: the BAAS and the RGS	14.00-15.00 Time working in Collections/on materials (supported by Collections staff) [to continue through afternoon]
15.00-15.15 – Tea/Coffee	
15.15-16.00 – GENERAL DISCUSSION: Possible Future uses and additional opportunities to meet Collections staff	