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## **BERN lecture to examine Captain Cook's official accounts**

CAPTAIN Cook's official accounts of his voyages will be examined during the next British Enlightenment Research Network (BERN) public lecture.

Professor Jonathan Lamb, from Vanderbilt University, USA, will present the lecture - *Making Babies in the South Seas: Captain Cook's Unreconciled Accounts*.

The free presentation will be held on Wednesday, June 13 from 7pm at the Burnie TAFE Tasmania Lecture Theatre (C Block), 41-43 Mooreville Road, Burnie.

The lecture will explore the conflicts between the official accounts Captain Cook was obliged to make of his voyages, and the alternative history of his passions (such as anger, curiosity and ambition) that he alludes to in his accounts only very obliquely or briefly.

'Making babies' is a metaphor taken from *A High Wind in Jamaica* by Richard Hughes, and it refers to this kind of narrative abeyance, in which things are placed until the right story-form comes along, if it ever does.

Professor Lamb is a widely published, prize-winning historian, who consulted and participated in *The Ship* – a six-part BBC 2 documentary about James Cook's first voyage.

Professor Lamb will be introduced by Dr Tom Dunning, Head of UTAS School of History and Classics.

The presentation is part of the British Enlightenment Research Network (BERN), established in 2006 by UTAS Cradle Coast campus Faculty of Arts history lecturer Dr Mike Davis.

RSVPs required by Tuesday, June 12.

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