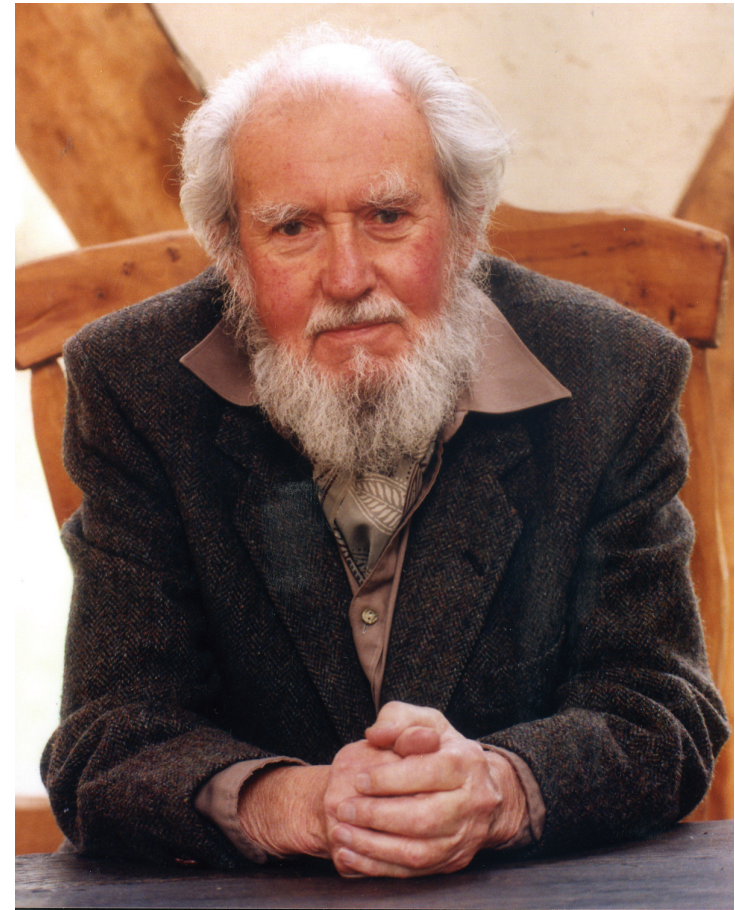


Those who are free are invited to drinks and an informal supper - cooked by Marina - at Yale University Press (47 Bedford Square), a short walk from Birkbeck, after the colloquium.

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SATURDAY 7 JULY 2012

THE COUNCIL ROOM, BIRKBECK, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Programme:

Coffee 9.30 to 10.00

10.00 Session 1

PURSUIT OF THE MILLENNIUM

Millenarian Movements in the Medieval & Early Modern Period

Chair: John Arnold (Professor of History, Birkbeck, University of London)

Speakers:

William Lamont (Emeritus Professor of History, University of Sussex):
'Norman Cohn: the career'

Dame Jinty Nelson (Emeritus Professor of Medieval History, King's College London):
'Norman Cohn and medieval history'

Lorenzo DiTommaso (Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Religion,
Concordia University, Montreal):
'Pursuit of the Millennium: A Half-Century On'

11.30: refreshment break

11.45: Session 2

WARRANT FOR GENOCIDE

Totalitarianism and Political Religion

Chair: Frank Chalk (Professor of History, Concordia University, Montreal)

Speakers:

John Gray (Emeritus Professor of European Thought, LSE):
'Apocalyptic Politics' (in *Pursuit of the Millennium* and *Warrant for Genocide*)

Daniel Pick (Professor of History, Birkbeck):
'Norman Cohn & the Columbus Centre'

1.00: LUNCH

2.00: Session 3

EUROPE'S INNER DEMONS

The Demonization of Christians in Medieval Christendom

Chair: Dr Anthony Bale (Department of English & Humanities, Birkbeck)

Speakers:

David Feldman (Professor of History and Director, Pears Institute for the Study of
Antisemitism, Birkbeck): 'Norman Cohn and anti-Semitism'

Paul Lay (Editor, *History Today*; Senior Research Fellow, Humanities Research Institute,
University of Buckingham): 'Norman Cohn and Europe'

Frank Chalk (Professor of History, Concordia University and Director, the Montreal
Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Montreal): 'Norman Cohn's approach
to the Early Modern State and the Significance of Torture'

3.30: refreshment break

4.00: Session 4

NORMAN COHN THE MAN, THE LATER WORK

Chair: Dr Michael Briant (Cambridge)

A open discussion with questions and comments on the issues that have come up during
the day, including the issue of the legitimacy of using psychoanalytic insights in the study
of historical phenomena, or their value in illuminating current socio-political problems.

Contributions from Sham Ambivagar/ Lorenzo DiTommaso and around the table

4.45: To close the day some recollections of Norman Cohn:

Professor Sir Michael Pepper FRS (Trinity College, Cambridge and
University College, London); 'Remembering Norman Cohn'

Dr Marina Voikhanskaya (Cambridge): in conversation

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