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present the 2011 Ubbelohde Lecture

Britain, the Written Constitution, and World History

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After the American and French Revolutions, new, written constitutions came progressively to be viewed as essential markers of a modern state and as vital expressions of national culture and political rights. Great Britain, however, both opposed these Revolutions, and has notoriously always retained an un-codified constitution. Despite this, Britain's impact on the writing of constitutions in *other* countries - both inside and outside its onetime empire - has arguably been more extensive and more varied than that of any other power. In this lecture, Linda Colley examines this paradox, and what it reveals about world history, British history, and the multiple meanings of constitution writing.

Please join us for this free public lecture

Thursday, September 22, 2011, 6:30pm

1914 Lounge

Thwing Center, CWRU

A question-and-answer period will follow the talk and a dessert reception starts at 8pm. Thwing Center, the student union center of Case Western Reserve University, is located at 11111 Euclid Ave. (in the heart of campus, between Severance Hall and Mather House). Paid parking is available under Severance Hall or in the Church of the Covenant parking lot, and meters are located along Bellflower Rd. For more information, contact Kalli Vimr at 216.368.2625 or kxv50@case.edu

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