



## Radical Pasts, Contested Futures

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Public Lecture 2013  
Wednesday, 27 March  
The Collection, Lincoln

We are delighted to announce that this year's Social Science Centre, Lincoln, Public Lecture will be given by [Prof. Alastair Bonnett](#), Professor of Geography at Newcastle University.

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Progressive politics has often defined itself against the past. To be 'forward looking' has been cast as noble and muscular but being 'backward looking' seen as 'misty eyed' and feeble. Today these attitudes are being questioned. A new and more creative approach to the past seems necessary. This talk looks at the what the story of Thomas Spence (1750-1814), a now forgotten but once famous figure in radical history, has to tell us about the changing role of the past in radicalism. It is a story that also opens up wider questions, such as 'why is 'critique' so central to contemporary radicalism?' and 'does radicalism need intellectuals?'

People are invited to attend the public lecture to find out more about the SSC and how to become a member of the Centre.

The lecture is from 7-9 pm (doors open 6.45pm) Wednesday, 27 March, at The [Collection](#), Danes Terrace, Lincoln LN2 1LP. It is free and open to all. For more information about the SSC see <http://socialsciencecentre.org.uk/>.



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