Twentieth Century Think Tank

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The Think Tank offers broad coverage of twentieth-century and contemporary topics in the history and philosophy of science. Sessions alternate between readings and talks, and each term has a different theme. Copies of all texts can be found in TCTT box in the Whipple Library. Meetings are usually every other Tuesday, 1-2.30pm in Seminar Room 1. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring lunch!

2010-2011 Schedule

19 October	Joel Isaac (Queen Mary, University of London)
Beyond epistemology: Rethinking the relationship between philosophy and the human sciences in the twentieth century

2 November	Jenny Bangham (HPS, Cambridge)
Talking about biological and social kinds

Readings:


16 November	Malcolm Thompson (University of British Columbia)
The virtual object of public health, or, the problem of ‘life’ in China, 1911-1937

30 November	Boris Jardine (HPS, Cambridge)
Theories of science between the wars

Readings:


25 January  

**Katy Price** (Anglia Ruskin University)  
**Dreaming the future: J. W. Dunne’s An Experiment with Time**

8 February  

**Kathryn Schoefert** (HPS, Cambridge)  
**In a particular setting**

Readings:  


(c) Stuart W. Leslie, “A different kind of beauty”: Scientific and architectural style in I.M. Pei’s Mesa Laboratory and Louis Kahn’s Salk Institute’, Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences 38 (2008), 173–221.

22 February  

**Claire Blencowe** (Newcastle University)  
**‘Biosociality’ to feminist-eugenics: Rethinking contingency and racism in twentieth-century sociological science**

8 March  

**Jesse Olszynko-Gryn** (HPS, Cambridge)  
**Historians and the patient-consumer**

Readings:  