

"Poison that "Sweetens the Blood"; Slavery, Drugs and the Apothecary"

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The history of drugs is often more than about just drugs. Drawing from Sloane's work, this talk focuses on the complex world of Caribbean plantations, slavery, and poisoning that shaped British drugs and apothecary's practices. Slaves often used poisons as everyday forms of resistance. British surgeons too adopted these as remedies. Referring to one such plant called the Jamaican Bloodflower, often used as a medicine in the plantations and grown as an ornamental garden plant in Britain and North America, the talk will explore the history of anxiety, trust, and inter-cultural exchanges that shaped the history of modern drugs.

MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (VIRTUAL)

TIME: 18:00-19:00

Members - £5

Non-Members - £10

Students - Free

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Zoom link will be sent to attendees!