

## **HIU34519: History and Fiction**

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Weighting: 10 ECTS

Assessment: 100% Coursework

Duration: All Year

Contact Hours: 2 hours per fortnight

Can we use fiction to study history, and should we? What can we learn about history by studying the novel? This module involves the study of a range of literary styles in the genre of the short story and novel: contemporary realist fiction, historical novels, children's literature, counter-factual narratives, even dystopian novels of the future. Literary works studied may include such works as Jane Austen, *Northanger Abbey* (1817); Andrew Miller, *Pure* (2011); James Joyce, *Dubliners* (1914); Philip Roth, *The Plot Against America* (2005); George Egerton, *Keynotes* (1893); Kate Grenville, *The Secret River* (2004); Margaret Atwood, *Oryx and Crake* (2003).