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**A round-table discussion to mark the publication of Dr Fay Bound Alberti's new book: *Matters of the Heart: History, Medicine, Emotion* (Oxford University Press 2010)**

**Friday 12 March 2010 at 6.30pm**

Council Room

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The discussion will be followed  
by a champagne reception.

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The discussion, chaired by **Professor Colin Jones**, President of the Royal Historical Society, will include:

- **Professor Martin Cowie**, Consultant Cardiologist at the Royal Brompton Hospital
- **Ludmilla Jordanova**, Professor in Modern History at King's College, London
- **Mr Francis Wells**, Cardiac Surgeon at Papworth Hospital

The heart is the most symbolic organ of the human body. Across cultures it is seen as the site of emotions, as well as the origin of life. And yet modern Western medicine sees the heart as a pump. The emotions, by contrast, 'belong' to the brain. So why do the emotions of the heart linger? Why do many transplantation patients believe that the heart can transmit memories and emotions? And why do we still refer to emotions as 'heartfelt'? These are among the questions addressed by this discussion



If you would like to attend the launch or for further details please email **Dr Thomas Dixon** [t.m.dixon@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:t.m.dixon@qmul.ac.uk)

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