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The Department of History

To the Annual Nicolai Rubinstein Lecture in the  
History of Political Thought and Intellectual History

## **‘Republics and Revelation: Some Patterns in the Shaping of Western Historiography’**

J. G. A. Pocock  
Professor Emeritus, Johns Hopkins University

**Thursday 4 March 2010 at 6.30pm**

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The history of European historiography includes a number of grand narratives of systemic change emerging at various times, which give it a character of its own. This lecture will trace the interactions between two of them: that focused on the republic, or Mediterranean city-state, and that focused on divine revelation – specifically, in its Christian version – occurring at the moment when republic gives way to empire. It will examine the birth of a narrative first Renaissance and then Enlightened in character, and ask whether we have any conception of a history based on any other narrative.

J. G. A. Pocock (Professor Emeritus, Johns Hopkins University) is one of the leading Anglophone post-War historians and the author of numerous classic studies in the history of political thought and historiography, including *The Ancient Constitution and the Feudal Law* (1957, 1987), *The Machiavellian Moment* (1975, 2003) and *Barbarism and Religion* (1999–, 4 vols. to date).

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