

Dr John Schofield

Dr John Schofield has worked in the heritage sector for over twenty years. He is an Inspector in English Heritage's Landscape Characterisation Team, as well as being Head of Military Programmes. Recently he co-edited The Heritage Reader (Routledge 2008), and has written books on conflict archaeology: Combat Archaeology (Duckworth 2005) and Aftermath (Springer 2009). He has also published numerous papers and chapters on these subjects as well as on landscape, and the archaeology of the contemporary past. John also teaches these subjects at the University of Southampton, where he is part-time lecturer, and at Bristol, where he is visiting fellow. He has also taught at the universities of Bath (UK), Oulu and Turku (Finland) and Flinders. Originally a prehistorian, John's research has for the past decade focused exclusively on the archaeology of the contemporary past, from c.1950 onwards. His archaeological gaze has taken in a former Stasi prison complex in Berlin, a street of abandoned bars and music halls in Malta, peace and protest camps at Greenham Common and Nevada (US) and the excavation of an old Ford Transit Van. John believes archaeology and archaeologists have something significant and distinctive to contribute to understanding the contemporary world and this view will form the basis of his presentations to the conference.

