**6HUM1060 Thinking With History assignment 3**

**‘HISTORY & POLICY’ PAPER**

**2500 words**

**Due 23 April 2015, 4pm.**

Your aim here is to construct a paper which uses history as a guide to a particular issue in the 21st century. The model is the *History & Policy* paper: <http://www.historyandpolicy.org/>

We are using an adapted version of the *History & Policy* editorial guidelines <http://www.historyandpolicy.org/papers/guidelines.html> The key points are as follows:

**Style and format**

Please look carefully at the style and format of the current *History & Policy* papers when preparing your own piece. There is room for some variation in presentation, but there are a number of key characteristics which the papers share.

Crucially, policy papers must be **historically grounded, with clear policy relevance**. They are intended to be a resource for policymakers and to inform debate about current policy. There are two main ways of achieving this.

1. Policy papers can emphasise constructive policy proposals or recommendations for government, civil society or other policy makers.
2. Alternatively, they can focus on 'lessons from history': these may be challenging for policymakers, but should not be defeatist in their implications.

Papers which aim to achieve both are welcome: but they must include at least one.

Policy papers should be **accessible, in a style appropriate for a non-academic audience**. They should be 2,500 words and written in several sections, with clear sub-headings and short paragraphs. Papers should not include unexplained technical terms or concepts; nor are they footnoted. Quantitative information should be displayed in graphical, not tabular form.

In the interests of accessibility, all *H&P* papers have **an executive summary in bullet points**, summarising the argument and its policy implications.

**Referencing**

As you will see, *History & Policy* papers are not footnoted. We require you to use Endnotes for this assignment so that you can demonstrate that your paper is well informed and not simply based on assumptions, personal feelings or unsupported general knowledge. Any statement or claim that you would normally footnote in an essay should be referenced with an endnote. You may reference other *H&P* papers.