

Menswear and Masculinities



Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 May 2018

11.00-16.00

Course Leader: Dr Benjamin Wild

Programme

Saturday 12th May

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| 10.30 – 11.00 | Welcome and Registration |
| 11.00 – 11:45 | STAG: Men & Menswear from the Middle Ages to Modernity
<i>A brief chronological and thematic overview of menswear, from the Middle Ages to modernity.</i> |
| 11:45 - 12.00 | Break |
| 12.00 - 13.00 | The suit is for men what the ?? is for women
<i>Consideration of men's 200-year old wardrobe staple, the suit: its symbolism & construction, from drape cut (Scholte) to deconstructed (Rubinacci), to Thom Browne's truncated silhouette, and beyond.</i> |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | Lunch (not included) |
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Is brown still bad in town?
<i>Consideration of the (unwritten) rules that stipulate which colours, and patterns, are acceptable for men, from brown and black, to pink and blue.</i> |
| 15.00 - 16.00 | Gallery Visit: Tour of V&A menswear displays |

Sunday 13th May

- 11.00 – 11:45 Why don't men wear high heels?
Consideration of one of the more revealing aspects of men's dress: the shoe, from Louis XIV to today.
- 11:45 - 12.00 Break
- 12.00 - 13.00 Is the devil in the (sartorial) detail?
Consideration of some of the more problematic aspects of male attire: dress accessories – focusing on headwear and bags – and what they signify.
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch (not included)
- 14.00 - 14.45 How much leg can a man show?
A focus on men's physical appearance, sporting dress & casual attire.
- 15.00 - 16.00 Do clothes have a gender?
Looking to the future of menswear by thinking about the relationship between gender-specific & gender-neutral attire, as well as an opportunity to bring the threads of the weekend together.

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