

# “David Hume: Philosopher and Historian” – talk on 25 May

☒ “Hume’s contemporaries knew him as a historian as well as a philosopher. His massive History of England was and remained a best-seller for half a century after his death.

Did that mean Hume had abandoned philosophy for history?

What is the significance of his interest in history for understanding his philosophy?”

As part of a panoply of events in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of David Hume, the [National Library of Scotland](#) is organising a talk, entitled ‘David Hume: Philosopher and Historian’, to be given on Wednesday 25 May at 6pm at the Main Building on George IV Bridge. The talk will be conducted by Nicholas Phillipson, an Honorary Fellow in History at the University of Edinburgh, and author of a forthcoming intellectual biography of Adam Smith.

The National Library of Scotland strongly recommends that you book in advance, as places are limited. To do so, either [book online](#) or phone 0131 623 3918. This event is free.