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Bio



David Edgerton graduated from St John's College Oxford and Imperial College London. After teaching at the University of Manchester he became the founding director of the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine at Imperial College London (1993-2003) where he was also Hans Rausing Professor. He joined the History department at King's College London with the Centre on its transfer to King's in August 2013. His best-known book is *The Shock of the Old: Technology and Global History since 1900* (London: Profile, 2006). It has been translated into Spanish, French, Korean, and both traditional and simplified Chinese. It argues for the study of technology in use, and also for a new history of invention, rather than the standard conflation whereby histories focus on the early history of later widely used or otherwise deemed important technologies. In doing so it opens up the possibility of a global history of technology, and one which can engage with historical questions, not merely the question of innovation. David Edgerton is also a historian of the twentieth-century United Kingdom – his *The Rise and Fall of the British Nation: a twentieth-century history* will be published by Allen Lane/Penguin in June 2018.

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