



'THE WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF SURREALISM'

Tuesday 17th October 2017
11.00am-4.30pm
Keynes Library, Birkbeck School of Arts,
43 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PD
Lecturer: Jacqueline Cockburn

'Surrealism is destructive but it destroys only what it considers to be shackles limiting our vision.' (Salvador Dali). In 1924 writers and artists came together to explore ways of expressing themselves which countered the logic of Cubism. During this Study Day, we will consider paintings, objects, photographs, drawings and collage examining the many exploratory ways artists experimented to make visible and tangible sense of the invisible or subliminal world. We will look at artists and writers who influenced the Surrealists going all the way back to Bosch's extraordinary visions and awareness of another world. Breton and Dali, their meetings with Freud and their contribution to the movement will also be discussed. Finally we will consider Surrealism and its legacies.

Lecturer

Dr Jacqueline Cockburn is a linguist and art historian. Her BA and PhD in Art History were taken at Birkbeck, University of London where she also lectured on Western European Art for twenty years. She is now a freelance lecturer.