

**How might the past and present shape the future?**

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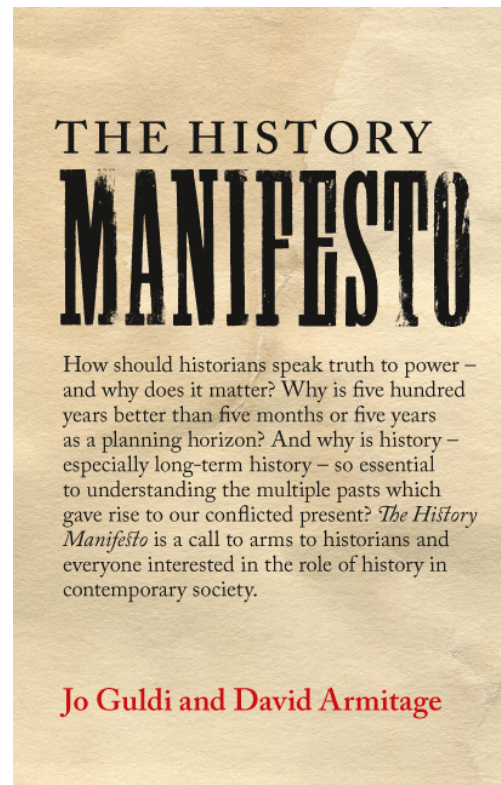
# Overview

- The revival of history in policy making
- Wrong ways to use history
- Policy hots and policy cools
- Using history to discuss the future: some examples
- The future of addiction?

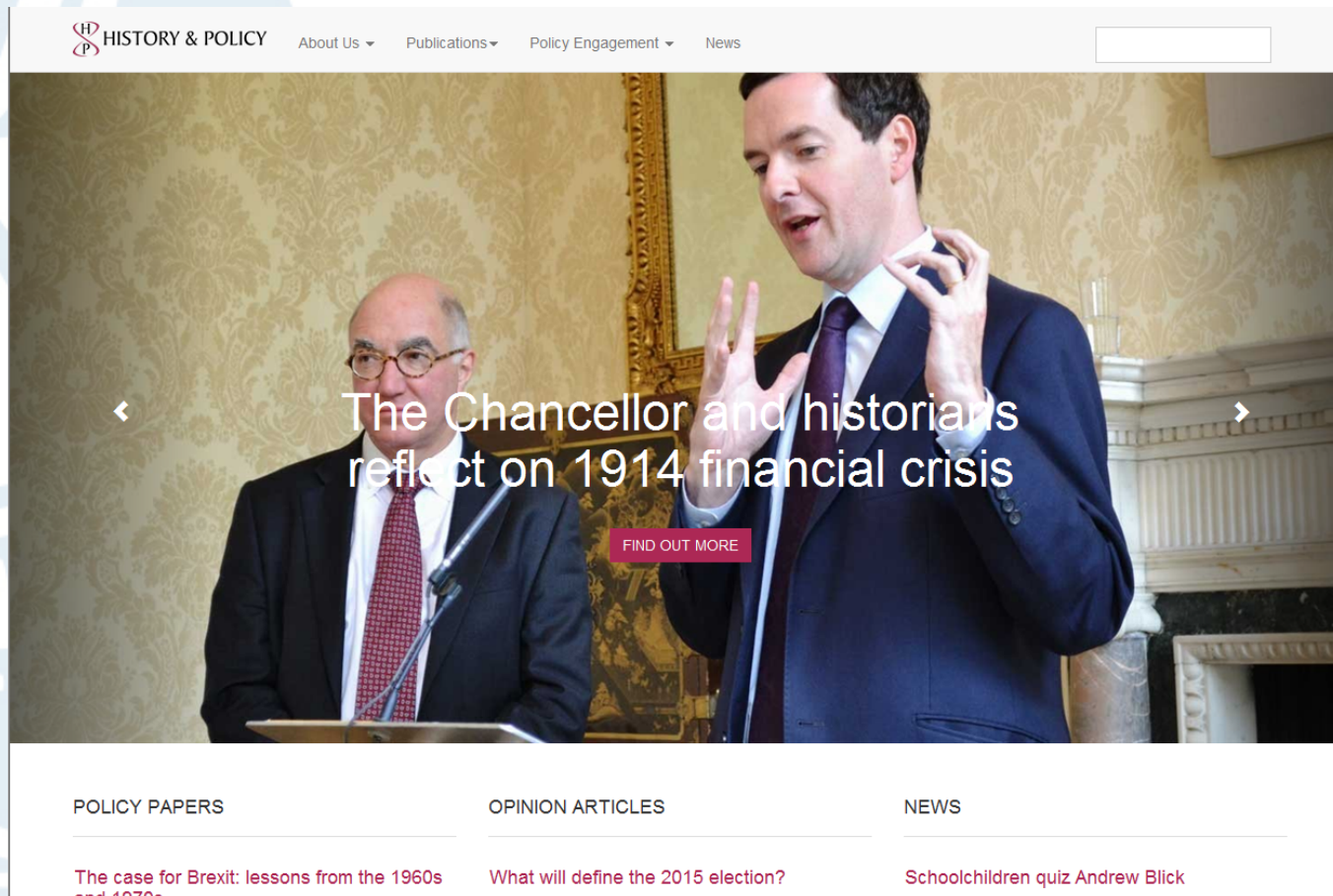


# The past role of history as a policy science

- Was there a golden age until the 1970's?
- Guldi and Armitage, *The History Manifesto*



# The recent revival of history in policy



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# The impact of history in the drugs field

- Researching the drugs voluntary sector and finding the impact of what I'd written.
- The 'limestone' model of evidence impact-where will what goes in come out?





# Myths about history are useful

- One example:
- The British 'forced opium' on China.
- NOT TRUE
- NB Real historical analysis doesn't always draw a comfortable conclusion



## Policy hots and policy cools

- Anti tobacco activism and digital archives
- But there are other ways in : boundary figures, journalists, hitting the zeitgeist.



# Where could history be used?

## Foresight and history

- Colonial systems of regulation- how did they work?
- International drug control-what brought change in the past?
- Can alcohol control histories be used in the cannabis regulation discussions?
- Looking across the substances-or across policy arenas. The case of AMR.





# Conclusions

- The future of addiction ?
- Learning from the past ? Or doing more?

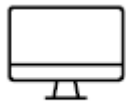




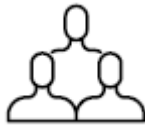
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