

**Professor Sir Richard J. Evans**

will give a talk entitled

**Hitler's People**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 10.30am**

**Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, NMW, Cathays Park, Cardiff**

Sir Richard Evans is an internationally acclaimed historian whose academic reputation was established by the publication of his book *The German Empire* in the 1970s. Since then, there have been 18 books and a wealth of academic publications placing Sir Richard Evans as the foremost chronicler of modern German history.

Evans was born of Welsh-speaking parents and educated in England. He obtained an MA at Jesus College and a D. Phil. at St Antony's College, Oxford. In 2008, the considerable honour of Regius Professor of History was bestowed upon him at Cambridge University. He researched his dissertation on feminism by travelling to Germany in the early 1970s. This formed the basis of his book, *The Feminist Movement in Germany, 1894-1933*.

The social underpinnings of German society in the C19 and early C20 and their potential contribution to the pernicious upheaval to come have always been of interest to Evans and include his examination of German attitudes to the death penalty, mob psychology, cruelty and torture.

In 2000 he became something of a celebrity when he was the expert witness in the libel case of *David Irving v Penguin Books and Lipstadt* when Irving had been labelled a Holocaust denier. Irving lost his case.

In addition to his academic writing, Sir Richard Evans reached a wider audience as a key figure in the critically acclaimed BBC documentary series *Rise of the Nazis*. This programme, which aired in 2019, explored the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party, with Evans providing insightful historical analysis to help explain the catastrophic political and social changes of the time.

Through his academic publications, public speaking, and media appearances, Sir Richard Evans continues to shape our understanding of modern German history and its enduring legacy.

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