

presents a Brown-Bag Seminar with our 2018 Writing Fellow

Dr. Catherine Ellis
“Hopelessly Strangers”:
Young People, Youth Culture,
and the British Government, c.1945-1970

free talk
bring your lunch



Discourse about youth touched on the most sensitive fault lines in postwar Britain, including social class, race, gender, and citizenship. In this talk, Catherine Ellis will introduce the origins and political consequences of widespread anxieties about teenagers in Britain, including the lowering of the voting age to 18 and intensified scrutiny of young people's leisure activities. She will also invite discussion about the use of age and generation as categories of (historical) analysis, the rise of the 'expert' state in the 20th century, and the enduring impact of ideas about children and teenagers on political decision-making since the Second World War.

Tuesday, April 17
12-1pm | C450 (I-CYS)

Dr. Catherine Ellis is an Associate Professor in the History Department at Ryerson University. In 2017-18, she holds a Massey Ryerson Visiting Scholarship to explore the growing influence of young people and youth culture on political life from the Second World War through the 1970s. Her preliminary work on this project has been published in the *Journal of British Studies*, *Twentieth Century British History* and *Journal of Liberal History*.