

History Department Seminar 15 September 2021

Emeritus Prof. Tom Brooking
(Otago)

‘Mud, Sweat and Dreams’:

Towards a new Agricultural and Rural History of New Zealand



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Tom will talk about writing a new, overview history of the making of rural New Zealand.

His title means that he will talk about environmental interaction, hard work and gender divisions, and notions of how an ideal society might be constructed in Britain's farthest flung colony around the complications of living with an indigenous people who already occupied this distant place.

Tom Brooking is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Otago. Tom specialises in New Zealand and comparative rural and environmental history, New Zealand political history and the historical links between New Zealand and Scotland. He has published seven sole author books, two co-authored books, and three edited volumes, in addition to numerous book chapters, essays, and articles. His three most recent major books are *Making a New Land: Environmental Histories of New Zealand* (University of Otago Press, 2013) edited with Eric Pawson; *Unpacking the Kists: The Scots in New Zealand* (McGill-Queens University Press with Otago University Press, 2013) co-authored with Brad Patterson and Jim McAloon, and a large monograph on the life of Richard John Seddon entitled *Richard Seddon: King of God's Own* (Penguin, 2014).

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