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## Mona Lisa: The Best Known Girl In The Whole Wide World?



by Donald Sassoon

Professor of Comparative European History  
at Queen Mary, University of London

**Date: Monday 10 November 2008 at 6 pm**

**Venue: John Scott Meeting House, La Trobe University**  
(Parking in Car Park 7)

This lecture is free and open to the public, no RSVP required.

It will be preceded by light refreshments from 5 p.m.. For catering purposes please advise your attendance to 9479 3479 or [M.Ingate@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:M.Ingate@latrobe.edu.au)

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This lecture traces and explains the transformation of Leonardo's Mona Lisa into the great portrait par excellence and its rise to global fame from the nineteenth century to the present.

Professor Donald Sassoon was born in Cairo and was educated in Paris, Milan, London and the United States. He is Professor of Comparative European History at Queen Mary, University of London.

His publications include *One Hundred Years of Socialism* (Deutscher Prize 1997 translated into five languages), *Mona Lisa* (2001 –translated into ten languages) and the 1600-pages *The Culture of the Europeans* (2007 – short-listed for the European Book Prize awarded by the European Commission).

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