

# POSSIBILITIES AND PERSPECTIVES

## A CONFERENCE ON COMICS



1200-1800 on 21/11/2009 at Alea Casino Conference Rooms, Leeds

As the popularity and visibility of the medium of comics (including bande dessinée, manga etc.) continues to grow in the wake of cinematic successes such as *The Dark Knight* and small screen coverage like the BBC's 'Comics Britannia' season, comics are also being recognised more widely than ever as an exciting and vibrant field for academic study. As academic departments around the world are coming to accept comics into their research programs and offer related modules in their syllabuses, 'Possibilities and Perspectives' will offer an introduction to academic approaches to comics as well as indicating the vast potential the medium has for academia as a whole.

Keynote Speakers:

Roger Sabin (*Adult Comix: An Introduction; Comics, Comix and Graphic Novels: A History of Comic Art*): "Mavericks and zinesters": comics scholarship in the UK before 'comics scholarship'

Bryan Talbot (*The Tale of One Bad Rat; Alice in Sunderland*): 'The Use of Style and Storytelling Techniques in *The Tale of One Bad Rat*'

'Possibilities and Perspectives' will take place at the Alea Casino in Leeds, near the Royal Armouries (a 30 second walk from the Thought Bubble Convention venue, Saviles Hall). For a map and directions, visit: [www.aleacasinos.com/alea/leeds/location.php](http://www.aleacasinos.com/alea/leeds/location.php).

Entry to the conference is included in the purchase of a ticket to Thought Bubble's One Day Convention (Adults: £8, Breeze Card Holders: £4, Cosplayers: £4, Under 12s: Free).

CONFERENCE ENTRY IS OPEN TO 18+ YEAR OLDS ONLY.

For information on Thought Bubble and Possibilities and Perspectives: A Conference on Comics, visit: [www.thoughtbubblefestival.com](http://www.thoughtbubblefestival.com) or contact Ian Hague (Department of History, University of Chichester) at [I.Hague@chi.ac.uk](mailto:I.Hague@chi.ac.uk).

