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HISTORY, ARTS OR SCIENCE: AN ESSAY IN PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY

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ABSTRACT

There is an unceasing debate on whether history is science or arts, with scholars especially of the postmodern persuasion putting forward charges to assail the position of history as a science. This paper argues, that despite claims against the scientific nature of history, the methods, ultimate subject matter, and objectives of both history and science are fundamentally similar. Therefore history is a science, not arts.

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