# 'Where will it all end?':

# the early development of television in Britain



### Jamie Medhurst, Aberystwyth University

In this talk Dr Jamie Medhurst will discuss the development of television in the pre-war period and will consider some of the ways in which television was perceived. It will draw on responses in literature and film as well as reflecting on the relationship between television and the BBC's Director-General, Sir John Reith. It will end by arguing that the foundations of television as we know it today were laid down in the 1936-9 BBC Television Service from Alexandra Palace.



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Dr Jamie Medhurst is Reader in Media and Communication at Aberystwyth University where he is also Co-Director of the Media History. He has published widely Centre for on broadcasting history including A History of Independent Television in Wales (2010) and Broadcasting in the UK and US in the 1950s: historical perspectives (co-edited with Siân Nicholas and Tom O'Malley and published in 2016). He is currently completing a book on The Early Years of Television and the BBC and is Principal Investigator on a Leverhulme Trust-funded Research Project.

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