

Dystopia: for Dummies

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Some further publications:

Thomas Paine: Social and Political Thought (Unwin Hyman, 1989).

Citizens and Saints. Politics and Anti-Politics in Early British Socialism (Cambridge University Press, 1989).

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Imperial Sceptics: British Critics of Empire 1850-1920 (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

Searching for Utopia: the History of an Idea (Thames & Hudson, 2011).

On Dystopia:

Prof. Claeys has previously written an article setting out some of the issues which will concern him in his paper. It can be accessed here:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-229X.12005/abstract>