

## **Beyond the History in the History**

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### **Abstract**

Examining the relationship between Interdisciplinary Studies and the theoretical analysis of history, this paper asks whether the emergence of Interdisciplinary Studies helps to advance the discipline of history or poses a challenge to it. The paper addresses this question in three correlated sections. The first section examines history as an academic field of study and argues for the necessity of protecting its identity as an independent discipline. It makes the case that for history to maintain its independence, it is necessary to define and emphasize its ‘particularities’ and ‘differences’. The second part briefly overviews the history of as well as the main subjects of analysis within Interdisciplinary Studies. Building on arguments presented in the first and second sections, the final section argues that interdisciplinary analysis poses a particular threat to the discipline of history. It contends that unless the discipline formulates a response to the advancement of other disciplines into the realm of its subject matter, the historicity of history may be gradually reduced to archiving raw data. To avoid this outcome, the discipline must first re-evaluate its own essence and nature, and then define its subject matter and identify methods that are suitable to its essence and subject of study. Through this effort, history as a discipline can transform itself, maintain its independence, and meet the challenges posed by Interdisciplinary Studies.

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