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The article explores the intersection of history and politics in the works of French philosopher Jacques Rancière, by focusing on the collectively edited journal *Les Révoltes logiques* (1975–1985). It argues that the historiographic project of *Les Révoltes logiques* took up specific forms of counter-knowledge that were embedded in radical left-wing politics of their day. It further traces both the engagement with historiography and the role of history in Rancière's later work after the dissolution of the journal. Its conclusion looks at certain shared interests between some of Rancière's themes and some recent writing of social history.

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