



British International  
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**THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL HISTORY GROUP  
TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
UNIVERSITY OF KENT  
10-12 September 2015**

### **The Group**

The British International History Group is organised under the auspices of the British International Studies Association (BISA). The Association acts as a professional body for teachers, researchers and practitioners interested in the area of International Studies, including International History. The Annual Conference of the British International History Group brings together International Historians from a variety of backgrounds and offers them the opportunity to exchange views.

### **The Conference**

The main work of the conference takes place in panels on Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday morning. There will also be a keynote lecture on Friday evening, a round table on Thursday and a plenary session on Friday afternoon. The Annual General Meeting will be held during the conference. The conference dinner will be held at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge.



## **Thursday 10 September – Round Table: 14.00-15.30**

### **Teaching International History**

Chair: Patrick Finney, Aberystwyth University

Antony Best, London School of Economics; Gaynor Johnson, University of Kent; Spencer Mawby, University of Nottingham and Helen Parr, Keele University.

## **First Panel Session – Thursday 10 September - 16.00-17.30**

### **Panel A**

David Varey, Royal Military College of Canada, 'Margaret Corby Ashton and the British Delegation at the World Disarmament Conference, 1932-1934'.

Peter Neville, Westminster University, 'An English Woman Abroad: Shiela Grant Duff in the Czech Crisis of 1938'.

Jessica Shahan, Aberystwyth University, 'Women's Revolts, Mumsnet and the Intelligence and Security Committee: Creating a Women's History of Women's Employment in MI5'.

### **Panel B**

Alex Ferguson, University of Southampton, 'The U.S. Embassy to Saigon and Press Problems in Indochina, 1953-1954'.

Robert Pee, City University London, 'The Third Force Doctrine: The US and democracy promotion in authoritarian allied states, 1981-1990'.

### **Panel C**

Camilla MacDonald, University of Oxford, 'The Shape of Things to Come: Global Order and Global Democracy in 1940s International Thought'.

Fausto Scarinzi, University of Reading, 'A new History of Britain's Decolonisation conflicts and its implications for Political Science'.

Martin Farr, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, 'International interpretations of Thatcherism, 1981-1990'.

## **Second Panel Session – Thursday 10 September – 18.00-19.30**

### **Panel A**

Richard Smith, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 'Sir Edward Grey and the First World War'.

David Kaufman, University of Edinburgh, 'The question can receive no answer: The position of Ukraine in British Policy, 1917-1920'.

Ben Markham, University of Essex, 'The Imperial War Cabinet and Australian and South African territorial ambitions in the wake of the First World War'.

### **Panel B**

Charlie Hall, University of Kent, 'A policy of plunder: British exploitation of German Science and Technology after World War II'.

Stuart Butler, University of Manchester, 'Imperial delusions or pragmatic contingencies? The role of the US Atomic Energy Act (1946) in the direction of Scientific Diplomacy, 1958-1968'.

Andrew Holt, The National Archives, 'British policy-making and nuclear weapons sharing in the 1960s'.

### **Panel C**

Marika Sherwood, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 'The West African National Secretariat and the failure of the Lagos Conference to materialise, 1948'.

Poppy Cullen, University of Durham, 'The role of the Kenyan Asians as a 'special problem' in the Anglo-Kenyan relationship, 1967-1974'.

## **Third Panel Session - Friday 11 September – 09.00-10.30**

### **Panel A**

Antony Best, London School of Economics, 'Admiration and Deprecation: Art Romanticism and British perceptions of Japan, 1863-1910'.

Andrew Cobbing, University of Nottingham, 'The Arrival of the Japanese Resident Diplomat in Europe'.



## **Panel B**

Guest Chair: James Dunkerley, Queen Mary College University of London

Tony McCulloch, University College London, 'Roca-Runciman revisited: Anglo-American relations and Argentina, 1933-1939'.

Thomas Mills, University of Lancaster, 'The outer limits of the 'Special relationship': Anglo-US relations in Latin America during World war II'.

Mark Seddon, University of Sheffield, 'Anglo-US relations and Venezuelan Oil, 1939-1945'.

## **Panel C**

Laure Humbert, University of Manchester, 'French politics of national sovereignty and the International Bureaucracy of Relief, 1943-1945'.

Laurine Groux-Moreau, University of Bristol, 'A transnational comparison of the Deaf Resurgence since the 1960s'.

Mark Hurst, University of Kent, 'The transnational activism of British human rights organisations, 1965-1985'.

## **Fifth Panel Session – Friday 11 September – 13.30-15.00**

### **Panel A**

Thomas Munch-Petersen, UCL, 'Denmark and Sweden and the Congress of Vienna, 1814-1815

Thomas Goldsmith, University of East Anglia, 'The Duke of Wellington and the International System, 1814-1835'.

Matthew Rendall, University of Nottingham, 'Democracy, Demonisation and the Crimean War'.

### **Panel B**

Maria Rizou, King's College London, 'The Bank of England, the Bank of Greece and the Refugee Loan Crisis: The external loan of 1924'.

Martin Williamson, University of Exeter, 'The forgotten international monetary negotiations: the C20, 1972-1974'.

Dimitris Bourantonis, Athens University of Economics and Business, 'The interplay between collective and special responsibility and its impact on the evolution of the UN institutional building'.

## **Panel C**

Matthew Powell, University of Birmingham, 'Tactical Air Power Development in Britain during World War II'.

Michelle Jones, Aberystwyth University, 'Children on the Battlefield: A Modern Phenomenon'.

Helen Parr, Keele University, 'Memory of the Falklands War'.

## **Plenary Session – Friday 11 September – 15.30-17.00**

### **Diplomatic Practice in the Twentieth Century**

Guest Chair: Kai Bruns, American University in the Emirates

John Young, University of Nottingham, 'The United Kingdom and the Negotiation of the 1969 New York Convention on Special Missions'

Lorna Lloyd, Keele University, 'The Commonwealth and the negotiation of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations'

Ben Muda, Universiti Utara Malaysia, 'Diplomacy of small state: A case of Malaysia's diplomatic expansion into African Commonwealth countries'

Kai Bruns, American University in the Emirates, 'A Hazardous Task: Britain and the negotiation of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations'

## **Keynote Lecture – Friday 11 September – 19.00-20.00**

Dr James Ellison, Queen Mary University of London,

'Failed Intelligence? The Origins of the Iraq War'.

## **Sixth Panel Session - Saturday 12 September - 9.00-10.30**

### **Panel A**

Guest Chair: Gaynor Johnson, University of Kent

Andres Sanchez-Padilla, Independent Researcher, 'The Columbian Expositions (1883-1893): Foundations of twentieth century US public diplomacy'.

Rory Miller, University of Liverpool, 'Rebuilding British business links with South America in the Age of US hegemony, 1945-1965'.

Olivia Saunders, University of South Wales, 'Britain, the United States and the Bolivian National Revolution, 1952'.

## **Panel B**

David Whittington, University of the West of England, Bristol, 'The Politics of the Bengal Famine, 1942-1944'.

Hsin Chih Chen, National Cheng Kung University Taiwan, 'Weak power with firm resolve: China's silent territorial extension over the Spratley Islands before 1950'.

Sanchi Rai, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 'The influence of British India foreign policy on Indian foreign policy: mapping continuities and changes post Indian Independence'.

## **Panel B**

Luke Gibbon, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 'John Morley, Britain and the Anglo-Chinese opium agreement of 1907'.

Neil Fleming, University of Worcester, 'Gentlemen Amateurs? The Conservative Party 1922 Committee and Foreign Affairs, 1923-1939'.

Miklos Lojko, ELTE – Budapest, 'Dictatorships and Crises in Four Corners of the World: Britain and the retreat from free trade, 1919-1941'

## **Seventh Panel Session - Saturday 12 September - 11.00-12.30**

### **Panel A**

Philippa Haughton, University of Durham, 'Internationalism, Professionalism and British advertising, 1923-1939'.

Tommaso Milani, London School of Economics, 'In a world they never made: Supranationalism and Economic Planning within the British Left, 1938-1945'.

Baris Gulmez, University of Warwick, 'The paradox of Turkish foreign policy in the 1930s: Revisionism and Irredentism through multilateral diplomacy'.

### **Panel B**

Seung-young Kim, University of Sheffield, 'Neutrality and Buffer Zone as alternatives to escalation: The US and British suggestions during the early stages of the Korean War'.

Robert Barnes, York St John University, 'Britain's other Special Relationship: Anglo-Ceylonese relations and the early Cold War, 1948-1956'.

Tom Colley, King's College London, 'Strategic narratives from the ground up? Investigating British public understanding of war'.

## Panel C

Norasmahani Hussain, University of Leeds, 'The Cyprus Dispute and Great Britain's decision to leave Turkey and Greece outside NATO, 1948-1950'.

Effie Pedaliu, London School of Economics, 'The Greek Dictatorship as an agent of regional instability'.

Evanthis Hatzivassilou, University of Athens, 'The Disease should cease to be Endemic and revert to Sporadic; The crisis of NATO political consultation from DEFCON3 to the Atlantic Declaration, 1973-1974'.

## Timetable

### Thursday, 10 September

13.00 onwards	Registration	Grimond Building foyer
14.00-15.30	Round Table	
15.30-16.00	Coffee	
16.00-17.30	First Panel Session	
17.30-18.00	Coffee	
18.00-19.30	Second Panel Session	
19.30	Wine Reception	Grimond Building foyer
20.15	Dinner	Turing College

### Friday, 11 September

09.00-10.30	Third Panel Session	
10.30-11.00	Coffee	
11.00-12.30	Fourth Panel Session	
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.00	Fifth Panel Session	
15.00-15.30	Coffee	
15.30-17.00	Plenary Session	
17.00-18.00	BIHG Annual General Meeting with Coffee	
18.30-19.30	Keynote Lecture	Grimond Lecture Theatre 2
20.00	Wine Reception	
20.30	Conference Dinner	Canterbury Cathedral Lodge

### Saturday, 12 September

09.00-10.30	Sixth Panel Session
10.30-11.00	Coffee
11.00-12.30	Seventh Panel Session
12.30	Lunch



## General Information

### Accommodation and Sessions

The conference will be held on the Canterbury campus of the University of Kent, which occupies a site north of the city, accessible from the A290 Canterbury to Whitstable road. Sessions will be held entirely within the [Grimond Building](#).

### Registration on arrival

Registration will take place in the foyer of the Grimond Building from 1pm to 6pm. Delegates will receive full documentation for the conference on registration.

### Maps

[University of Kent directions](#)

[Grimond Building](#)

[University of Kent campus, Keynes College](#)

### Travelling by Air

There are two local airports:

Heathrow: <http://www.heathrowairport.com>

Gatwick: <http://www.gatwickairport.com>

### Railway Stations

Canterbury is served by two main-line railways stations:

Canterbury West: This is closest to the University of Kent (approx. three-quarters of a mile) and has High Speed (HS1) links to London St Pancras International station (journey time approx. 1 hour). The Margate trains go directly to Canterbury West, as do some of the Ramsgate services (late evening). This service has its own high level (first floor) departure area at St Pancras, reachable by the usual combination of stairs/escalators and lifts as appropriate. Most trains depart from either platform 12 or 13.

Canterbury East: Has no High Speed service, but is served by a line to London Victoria (journey time approx. 90 minutes). The station is approx. 1.5 miles from the University of Kent. Trains go to Ramsgate and Dover Priory. Please note, most trains on this line divide at Faversham. If that is the case, you must be in the Dover Priory portion of the train for Canterbury East. It is also possible to travel on another branch of the High Speed (HS1) line to Faversham from London St Pancras International and then to transfer to the local stopping service to Canterbury East. There are no escalators or lifts at this station, travelling back up to London will involve descending and ascending a flight of steps.

The two stations are approximately half a mile apart. There are taxi ranks outside both stations, although they tend to be much more numerous outside Canterbury West.

Train times and ticket prices: <http://www.thetrainline.com/>

## **Car**

From London, the North and East Anglia (via M25 clockwise): Leave M25 at junction 2 sign posted A2 Canterbury, continue on A2/M2, leave M2 at junction 7 signposted A2 Canterbury. Follow signs to Canterbury.

From the West and South-West (via M25 anticlockwise): At M25 junction 5 continue ahead on M26(M20) signposted Maidstone, leave M20 at junction 7 signposted A249 Canterbury, join M2 at junction 5 for Canterbury, leave M2 at junction 7 signposted A2 Canterbury. Follow signs to Canterbury.

From the South-East: Maidstone and Tonbridge: M20, A249, M2, A2 Ashford: A28 Folkestone: M20, A28 Dover: A2.

### **From Canterbury to the campus:**

Via A2 eastbound/London: Rheims Way, London Road, Whitstable Road, University Road

Via A2 westbound/A28: Wincheap, Rheims Way, London Road, Whitstable Road, University Road

Satellite navigation: the postcode for University Road is CT2 7NP. Then follow signs for visitor parking.

### **Useful numbers:**

Taxis: Canterbury Cab line: 01227 666666; Longley's: 01227 710777; Northgate: 01227 860460

### **Canterbury area**

[Hotel and Bed and Breakfast accommodation.](#)