



British International  
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**THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL HISTORY GROUP**  
**TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH**  
**8-10 September 2016**

### **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 round table on Thursday afternoon and a keynote lecture on Friday evening. The Annual General Meeting will be held during the conference. The conference dinner will be held at the Playfair Library, Old College.



## **Thursday 8 September – Round Table: 13.15-14.45**

### **The Practice of International History**

Chair: Peter Jackson, University of Glasgow

Panel: John Young, University of Nottingham; Gaynor Johnson, University of Kent; Rebecca Williams, University of Exeter; Patrick Finney, Aberystwyth University

## **First Panel Session – Thursday 8 September – 15.15-16.45**

### **Panel A**

Thomas Goldsmith, UEA, ‘The Turning Point: Wellington, Palmerston and British Foreign Policy 1827-1835’

Jonathan Singerton, University of Edinburgh, ‘The Elephant in the Revolution – The Habsburg Monarchy and the War of American Independence’

### **Panel B**

Charlotte Botfield, Aberystwyth University, ‘The Othering of African Jihadism: The Intelligence Dimension of the First World War’

Itzel Toledo Garcia, University of Essex, ‘French and German Propaganda in Mexico from the Great War to the Occupation of the Ruhr (1914-25)’

### **Panel C**

Gaynor Johnson, University of Kent, ‘Viscount D’Abernon and the British Trade Delegation to Argentina, 1929-1930’

Thomas Mills, Lancaster University, ‘Capitalists of the World Unite! British and American Business Groups and the Reconstruction of Multilateral Trade, 1941-1948’

Andrew Perchard, Coventry University (co-authored by Professor Roy M. MacLeod, University of Sydney and Professor Jeremy Mouat, University of Alberta), ‘“A self-contained British Empire in Metals”: Imperial minerals policy and the reprise of British mercantilism’

## Second Panel Session – Thursday 8 September – 17.15-18.45

### Panel A

Howard Elcock, Northumbria University, 'Un-blessed were the peacemakers – rightly so?'

David Kaufman, University of Edinburgh, "'I can say no more about it than that the state of things is evidently unsatisfactory", British and the question of humanitarian intervention in Albania, November 1912-August 1914'

Richard Smith, FCO, 'In Pursuit of Bloodless Warfare: British economic strategy against Germany during the First World War'

### Panel B

Charlotte Botfield, Aberystwyth University, 'The Othering of African Jihadism: The Intelligence Dimension of the First World War'

Maximilian Drephal, Loughborough University, 'The "Legation Ladies": gender, space and the culture of British diplomacy in Afghanistan, 1922-1929'

Jessica Shahan, Aberystwyth University, 'The Nameless Club: MI5's Women and First World War Memory'

### Panel C

Ekpotuatin Charles Ariye, Keele University, 'An abortive Coup, a Mob, a Burnt Flag and the 1976 Diplomatic Wrangling between Britain and Nigeria: who was right or wrong in relation to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations?'

Daniel Feather, Liverpool John Moores University, 'Educational assistance to Black South Africans in the apartheid era as a projection of British "Soft Power"'

Marco Wyss, University of Chichester, 'The Challenge of Western Neutralism: Britain and the Build-up of a Nigerian Air Force'

### Panel D

Paul Horsler, LSE, 'National service or conscription? Bolton debates'

Jennifer Eggert, University of Warwick, 'Women, militias, society: Female fighters during the Lebanese civil war'

Darius Wainwright, University of Reading, 'Britain's approach to Iran and wider British foreign policy, 1971-79'

## **Thursday 8 September – Postgraduate ECR Welcome: 19.00-19.30**

Playfair Library, Old College

## **Wine Reception & Buffet Dinner: 19:30-22:30**

Playfair Library, Old College

## **Third Panel Session - Friday 9 September – 09.00-10.30**

### **Panel A**

Andrew Ehrhardt, KCL, 'Irish-American Fenian Political Violence and Anglo-American Relations, 1865-1871'

Matthew Lord, University of Leeds, 'Gallantry on the Shankill Road: The British 'Soldier-Hero' and Censorship in Northern Ireland, 1969-1972'

Robert McNamara, University of Ulster, 'The failure of the Commonwealth ideal in Independent Ireland 1932-49'

### **Panel B**

James Brocklesby, Liverpool John Moores University, 'The Malaysian Federation and the Brunei Exception'

Barnaby Crowcroft, Harvard University, 'The first struggle for sovereignty: decolonization in Britain's empire of protectorates, 1945-1951'

Alexander Shaw, University of Leeds, 'South-East Asian Security and the British Construction of the Cold War in 1947-48: Regional Intelligence, Kremlinist Conspiracy and Colonial Containment'

### **Panel C**

Helen O'Shea, University of Dundee, 'Imperial Institutional Memories, National Identity and the Post-War British Colonial Legal Service'

Jamie Perry, University of Birmingham, 'Leaving it to the experts: Chatham House and the public understanding of international affairs, c.1919-1975'

James Southern, QMUL, "'On the Coattails of the Clever Middle-Class Types": An Oral Social History of the British Diplomatic Service, 1945-1975'

## Panel D

### **More than State-to-State Relations: U.S.-Soviet-China Relations in the Late Cold War**

Jie Li, University of Edinburgh, 'Gorbachev's Glasnost and Chinese Sovietology'

Pete Milwood, University of Oxford, 'Below the Summit: People-to-People Exchange Visits in Sino-American Relations, 1971-1978'

Federico Pachetti, University of Hong Kong, 'Modernizing China in the Wake of Normalization: U.S.-PRC Economic Relations, 1979-1984'

### **Fourth Panel Session – Friday 9 September - 11.00-12.30**

## Panel A

Itzel Toledo Garcia, University of Essex, 'French and German Propaganda in Mexico from the Great War to the Occupation of the Ruhr (1914-25)'

Yuji Kubota, Kyoto University, 'The confliction between Japan and Britain around interests existing in Yangtze region – from the Boxer Rebellion (1900) to the Xinhai revolution (1911)'

Christopher Ross, University of Victoria, 'Lord Curzon and the "Bushire Incident" of 1903'

## Panel B

Przemyslaw Piotr Damski, Vistula University, 'Brothers or tools? USA as an element of British withdrawal from the "splendid isolation"'

Thomas Munro, University of Auckland, '"The rules of the game": British and American use of The Hague to assess the legality of wartime behaviour in 1914 and 1915'

Ellen Ravndal, Lund University, 'From an Inclusive to an Exclusive International Order: Membership of International Organisations from the 19th to the 20th Century'

## Panel C

Margaret Manchester, Providence College, '"It might be a losing game, but there was still a chance that we could win": The Vogeler/Sanders Spy Trial and the Limits of Anglo-American Options behind the Iron Curtain in the Early Years of the Cold War'

John Baesler, Saginaw Valley State University, '"Don't Wear Nail Polish like those Ami Liebchen': The Public Diplomacy of Morality and the American Presence in a German Town during the Cold War"

Peter Whitewood, York St John University, 'Legacies of the Soviet-Polish War and the Transformation of the Soviet State'

## **Panel D**

Jeremiah J. Garsha, University of Cambridge, 'Chief Mkwawa's Head as Colonial and Postcolonial Positioning in British International History'

Mathias Haeussler, University of Cambridge, 'Schmidt, the Brit? Helmut Schidt and Anglo-German Relations, 1974-82'

Rachel Utley, University of Leeds, 'The prevalence of pragmatism? UK-French relations under Margaret Thatcher and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, 1979-81'

## **Fifth Panel Session – Friday 9 September – 13.30-15.00**

### **Panel A**

#### **The Spanish Civil War – Eighty Years On**

Fraser Raeburn, University of Edinburgh, 'Heroes or victims? The British state and the International Brigade veterans during the Second World'

Julius Ruiz, University of Edinburgh, 'Learning the "lessons" of the Spanish Civil War: foreign reactions to the conflict, 1936-45'

### **Panel B**

Colin McDowall, University of Glasgow, 'When C3 Meant: Command, Control and Confusion: The British Chiefs of Staff and British Policy to the Winter War, November 1939-March 1940'

Mika Suonpää, University of Turku, 'MI5, Abwehr and Nordic Double-Agents during the Second World War'

Karine Varley, University of Strathclyde, 'The Role of Ideology in the Vichy French Government's Relations with Fascist Italy Between 1940 and 1942'

### **Panel C**

Victor Gavin, University of Barcelona, 'The "Special Relationship" and the prospect of a Spain post-Franco'

Bruno C. Reis, ICS-University of Lisbon, 'Decentering the Cold War and Globalising *détente*: the Portuguese policy of decolonization and *détente* in Angola and Mozambique (1974-1984)'

David Schriffl, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 'Austria's authoritarian system of the interwar period and Salazar's Portugal - Comparisons, Connections and Contrasts of two conservative "fascisms"'

## **Panel D**

Jonathan Colman, University of Central Lancashire, 'The US Government and the Legal Case for the Blockade of Cuba during the Missile Crisis, October-November 1962'

Lubna Zakia Qureshi, Stockholm University, 'Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme and the Vietnam War'

Simon Rofe, SOAS, 'Wartime Embassy: the United States in Grosvenor Square 1938-1945'

## **Sixth Panel Session – Friday 9 September – 15.30-17.00**

### **Panel A**

Antony Best, LSE, 'Orientalism and Diplomacy: British Interaction with Japan in the Modern Era'

Evanthis Hatzivassiliou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 'A British Deviation? Explaining Whitehall's Hostility towards NATO's Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society, 1969-1972'

Michael Hopkins, University of Liverpool, 'Dean Acheson, George Kennan and Japan, 1945-1951'

### **Panel B**

Athanasios Antonopoulos, University of Edinburgh, 'The US-Greek relations and Congress: Opportunities and limitations in the case of the Turkish embargo, 1974-1978'

Natalie Martin, Nottingham Trent University, 'Turkey, the EU and the Cyprus issue: How and why Turkey became an EU candidate in 1999'

Effie Pedaliu, LSE, "'Differentiation" and "Détente": The US and the Balkans'

### **Panel C**

Robert Barnes, York St John University, 'An Awkward Ally: Britain, South Africa and the United Nations, 1946-1961'

Matthew Broad, University of Turku, 'Britain, Iceland and the "cod wars", 1958-76'

Elsbeth O'Riordan, KCL, 'Rethinking British policy towards the occupation zone in Germany at the onset of the Cold War (1946). Enduring lessons in a complex post-conflict environment?'

## **BIHG Annual General Meeting – 17.15-18.15**

### **Keynote Lecture – Friday 9 September – 18.30-19.30**

Dr John Bew, 'Realpolitik and the British'

Teviot Lecture Theatre, Old Medical School

### **Wine Reception & Conference Dinner: 19:45-22:30**

Playfair Library, Old College

## **Seventh Panel Session - Saturday 10 September - 9.15-10.45**

### **Panel A**

Sarah Hartley, University of York, "'Regionalisation troublesome": Britain as a colonial power in the establishment of the Western Pacific Regional Office of the World Health Organisation'

Laure Humbert, University of Manchester, 'UNRRA in French Occupied Germany: between Policy and Practices, 1945-1947'

Anne Irfan, LSE, 'International Governance through Institutions: The Case of UNRWA, 1949-93'

### **Panel B**

Adam Richardson, University of Leeds, 'Sir Orme Sargent, Ernest Bevin and British Policy Towards Europe 1945-1949'

Adam Rolewicz, University of Kent, 'Better In than Out: The Foreign Office European Economic Organisations Department and Britain's First Application for Membership of the EEC, 1960-3'

### **Panel C**

Piotr Popławski, Uniwersytet w Białymstoku, 'Hitler's false start. Delaying the invasion of Poland and its military consequences'

Tina Tamman, 'Paul Oras, a clever Soviet propagandist'



Vesa Vares, University of Turku, Finland, 'Views of German Academia Towards Britain during the Nazi Period'

## **Eighth Panel Session - Saturday 10 September - 11.15-12.45**

### **Panel A**

James Fargher, KCL, 'Cruisers and Cordite: Gunboat Diplomacy in the Gulf of Aden and the Advent of Britain's Global Grand Strategy'

Ian Horwood, York St John University, '1925 Tactical Problem 2 and the rise of carrier air power: war gaming at the US Naval War College between the wars'

Christopher Price, York St John University, 'A Lanchestrian Reappraisal of the Battle of Jutland'

### **Panel B**

Suzanne Doyle, UEA, 'The United States, Britain and the Trident Missile Agreements, 1977-82'

Andrew Holt, The National Archives, 'The Thatcher-Carter Relationship, 1979-81'

Saho Matsumoto-Best, Nagoya City University, 'American foreign policy and the Christian lobby, from the 1960s to the present'

### **Panel C**

#### **The Baltic crisis, the End of the Cold War and the Collapse of the USSR**

Joseph Enge, University of Tartu, 'Why the Soviet coercive use of force in the Baltic states failed in 1990-1991'

Lars Grønberg, Independent Scholar, 'The Baltic Issue in Western Policies towards the Soviet Union 1990-91'

Kaarel Piirimäe, University of Tartu, 'The Baltic states and the end of the Cold War 1990-1991'

### **Lunch: 12:30-13:30**

## Timetable

<b>Thursday, 8 September</b>		
12.30 onwards	Registration	McMillan Room, Old Medical School, Teviot Place
13.15-14.45	Round Table The Practice of International History	Teviot Lecture Theatre, Old Medical School, Teviot Place
14.45-15.15	Coffee	McMillan Room
15.15-16.45	First Panel Session A-C	G13, G14, G15, Old Medical School, Teviot Place
16.45-17.15	Coffee	McMillan Room
17.15-18.45	Second Panel Session A-C	G13, G14, G15
19.00-19.30	PG ECR Welcome	Playfair Library, Old College
19.30	Wine Reception	Playfair Library, Old College
20.00	Dinner	Playfair Library, Old College
<b>Friday, 9 September</b>		
09.00-10.30	Third Panel Session A-D	G13, G14, G15, G16
10.30-11.00	Coffee	McMillan Room
11.00-12.30	Fourth Panel Session A-D	G13, G14, G15, G16
12.30-13.30	Lunch	McMillan Room
13.30-15.00	Fifth Panel Session A-D	G13, G14, G15, G16
15.00-15.30	Coffee	McMillan Room
15.30-17.00	Sixth Panel Session A-C	G13, G14, G15
17.00	Coffee	McMillan Room
17.15-18.15	BIHG Annual General Meeting	Teviot Lecture Theatre
18.30-19.30	Keynote Lecture John Bew	Teviot Lecture Theatre
20.00	Wine Reception	Playfair Library, Old College
20.30	Conference Dinner	Playfair Library, Old College
<b>Saturday, 10 September</b>		
09.15-10.45	Seventh Panel Session A-C	G13, G14, G15
10.45-11.15	Coffee	McMillan Room
11.15-12.45	Eighth Panel Session A-C	G13, G14, G15
12.45	Lunch	McMillan Room

## General Information

### Accommodation and Sessions

The conference will be held on in the central campus of the University of Edinburgh. The panels and lectures will take place in the School of History, Classics and Archaeology, located in Doorway 4 of the Old Medical School, Teviot Place. The Conference dinners take place a short distance away in the Playfair Library in Old College.



Accommodation close to the campus is available in a number of locations – the Kenneth McKenzie Suites, and Hotel Ibis, South Bridge. Some cheaper accommodation, located at Masson House is also available. Accommodation will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Kenneth McKenzie Suites

<http://shouthotels.com/hotel-kenneth-mackenzie-edinburgh-uk/>

Ibis Hotel, South Bridge

<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-8484-ibis-edinburgh-centre-south-bridge/index.shtml>

Masson House

<http://shouthotels.com/masson-house-bb-edinburgh-uk/>

### Conference Fees and Charges

Fees and charges will be:

Conference Fee (£120), which is payable by all delegates except for postgraduate students presenting papers; Full Conference Meal Package or individual meal requirements.

There is an Early Bird discounted rate for the Conference Fee (£70); this is only available until 31 July 2016.

Standard registration is between 1 August and 2 September 2016.

### **Online registration link**

[http://www.epay.ed.ac.uk/browse/extra\\_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&deptid=69&catid=6&prodid=2316&searchresults=1](http://www.epay.ed.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&deptid=69&catid=6&prodid=2316&searchresults=1)

### **Registration on arrival**

Registration will take place in the Jim McMillan Room in Doorway 4 of the Old Medical School from 12noon to 6pm. Delegates will receive full documentation for the conference on registration.

### **Getting to the University of Edinburgh**

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/visit/city/getting-here>

### **Campus Maps**

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/maps/maps>

### **Travelling by Air**

Edinburgh Airport: <http://www.edinburghairport.com>

### **Railway Stations**

Edinburgh Waverley Station is the closest main-line railway station to the University and the accommodation. Taxi ranks are located in Market Street, outside the station.

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

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