# THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL HISTORY GROUP (Under the Auspices of BISA)

# NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

# LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

# **6-8 September 2007**

# 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. There will also be two keynote lectures on the first and second evenings and a plenary session on Friday afternoon. The Annual General Meeting will be held during the conference.

# **Programme**

Keynote Lecture - Thursday 6 September - 18.45-19.45

Foreign Secretaries I have known or at least written about (*David Dutton*)

First Panel Session - Friday 7 September - 9.15-10.45

#### Panel A

Building a Liberal Alliance: Britain and the European Powers, 1830-1834 (David Brown)

Palmerston and the Barbarians: Taming Mehmet Ali (John Charmley)

The Serpent and the Lion: Stratford Canning and the Danubian Principalities, 1856-1858 (*Laurence Guymer*)

#### Panel B

The Evolution of Reprisals: German and British Policy during the First World War (*Heather Jones*) British Army Counterinsurgency in the Kenya Emergency and the Role of Law (*Huw Bennet*)

#### Panel C

The Change of British Strategy towards Poland and the London Visit of Colonel Beck in April 1939 (*Lutz Oberdörfer*)

Drifting towards War: The Chiefs of Staff Committee, the USSR and the Winter War, November 1939-March 1940 (*Bernard Kelly*)

Britain, the Middle East and the Northern Front, 1941-1942 (*Nicholas Tamkin*)

#### Panel D

President Eisenhower and Bilateral Nuclear Sharing with France, 1960 (*Mervyn O'Driscoll*) A Capital Controversy: Anglo-American Relations and the Chaguaramas Naval Base, 1957-1961 (*Spencer Mawby*)

Foreign Office Legal Advisers and the Cold War (*Tony Carty*)

Second Panel Session - Friday 7 September - 11.15-12.45

#### Panel A

Intersecting Circles: Edward VII, the Bertie Circle and the Foreign Office (*Richard Brock*)
Détente, 1914? William Tyrrell's Secret Mission to Germany in July 1914 (*Thomas Otte*)
Bonar Law, the Conservative Party and the Opposition Decision to Support War in 1914 (*Frank McDonough*)

#### Panel B

The City and Economic Reconstruction in Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, 1918-1940 (Neil Forbes)

Side-stepping Geneva: Japanese Troops under British Control, 1945-1947 (Stephen Connor)

British Breaches in Diplomatic Relations and the Origins of the Interests Section, 1965-1968 (John Young)

## Third Panel Plenary Session – Friday 7 September - 14.00-16.00

Slavery in Diplomacy: The Foreign Office and the Suppression of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (*Keith Hamilton*)

# Keynote Lecture - Friday 7 September - 18.45-19.45

The Much Maligned Neville Chamberlain: British Foreign Policy in the late 1930s (Glyn Stone)

#### Fourth Panel Session - Saturday 8 September - 9.15-10.45

#### Panel A

Japanese Pan Asianism and the West, 1894-1919 (Saho Matsumoto-Best)

The Parallel Alliance: The Rise and Fall of *The Times*' Love Affair with Japan, 1895-1922 (*Antony Best*)

An Odious Place: Views of British and American Diplomats on the First Brazilian Republic, 1889-1930 (*Joe Smith*)

#### Panel B

Addressing the Post-Colonial State: Kwame Nkrumah and the Politics of Postage Stamps in Ghana, 1957-1970 (*Harcourt Fuller*)

An Empirical Analysis of the Historical Aspect of Negative Sovereignty in Relation to the Decolonisation of Sierra Leone, 1955-1961 (*Chalen Westaby*)

# Fifth Panel Session - Saturday 8 September - 11.15-12.45

#### Panel A

Competing Visions of Airmobility: The Howze and Disoway Reports of 1962 (*Ian Horwood*) The Evolution of Transnational Civil Society: its Rise and Fall since the mid-Nineteenth Century (*Thomas Davies*)

#### Panel B

The Emergence of the Middle East in the Official Mind, 1914-1918 (*James Renton*)
That Malicious Priest: Admiral Thiervy d'Argenlieu and the Onset of the Franco-Viet Minh War, 1945-1946 (*Peter Neville*)

### **Timetable**

## Thursday, 6 September

1500 onwards - Arrival at Liverpool Hope, report to reception 1800 Wine Reception 1845 Keynote Lecture 2000 Dinner

#### Friday, 7 September

0800-0900 Breakfast 1400-1600 Plenary Session

0915-1045 First Panel Session 1600-1630 Tea

1045-1115 Coffee 1630-1730 BIHG AGM 1115-1245 Second Panel Session 1845 Keynote Lecture 1245-1345 Lunch 2000 Conference Dinner

## Saturday, 8 September

0800-0900 Breakfast 1045-1115 Coffee

0915-1045 Fourth Panel Session 1115-1245 Fifth Panel Session

#### **General Information**

#### **Accommodation and Sessions**

The conference will be held at Liverpool Hope University. Accommodation is available which is all en suite. Sessions will be held entirely on the Hope Park campus of the University where lunch, refreshments and dinner will also be served. Details of location will be sent out with a receipt of conference bookings.

## **Liverpool Hope University**

Parking at Liverpool Hope is plentiful and there should be no problem about parking your car. The campus is a very long walk from Liverpool Lime Street Station and you are strongly advised to take either public transport or taxis which are available from the station.

# Registration

Registration will take place at Reception from 1500 to 1800 on 6 September. Delegates will receive full documentation on registration.

#### **Book Exhibition**

There will be a book exhibition arranged by publishers.

#### **Conference Fees and Charges**

Fees and charges will be: Conference Fee; Full Conference Accommodation (exclusive of fee) or Individual Requirements (exclusive of fee), see booking form.

Please indicate your requirements on the booking form and return with your cheque to: Professor Glyn Stone, BIHG Secretary, School of History, University of the West of England Bristol, St Matthias Campus, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 2JP.

Please make your cheque, including fee, payable to: British International History Group