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Labour Orators from Aneurin Bevan to Gordon Brown

Date: 9 November 2011

Time: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Venue: The George Buckley Lecture Theatre
University of Huddersfield



Oratorical analysis is a significant yet under-researched approach towards contemporary Labour Party studies. This is because the historical evolution and ideological nature of the Labour Party implies a collective rather than individual analytical approach. In order to address this, the centrality of oratory will be threaded throughout this conference. The conference will utilise an original research approach towards the study of oratory. This will provide an enlightening discussion of how leading Labour figures Aneurin Bevan, Hugh Gaitskell, Tony Benn, Harold Wilson, James Callaghan, Michael Foot, Neil Kinnock, John Smith, Tony Blair and Gordon Brown used their oratory in advancing their position within the Labour Party. It shall seek to determine whether these figures used their oratorical skills to the betterment or detriment of the Labour Party as a whole or their specific ideological perspective as evidenced by their public and party impact.

Who is this conference for?

This conference will be of particular interest to established and early career academics with an interest in political analysis, political communications and Labour Party studies (historical and contemporary). This will also be of interest to politically interested doctoral candidates, postgraduate researchers and final year undergraduate students considering political analysis as a postgraduate topic. The conference will present an original analytical approach that will provide an insightful assessment of key figures from postwar British Politics which might be of particular benefit to politics researchers.

Invited speakers

All the invited speakers are noteworthy and well published academics from the fields of Labour history, political science and/or social science. Their affiliated institutions include the University of Huddersfield, the University of Leeds, the University of Sheffield and the University of Central Lancashire, amongst others.

How to book

Attendance at this conference is free, however spaces are limited. To book your place or for further information please contact:

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