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# Conference on Modern British History 2009 Programme (provisional)

Tuesday 23 June

**11.00-12.00 Registration**

**12.00-1.00 Lunch**

**1.00-2.00 Keynote lecture I** *Chair:*  
Colin Kidd (Glasgow), 'Burns, Theology and the Ayrshire Enlightenment'

**2.00-3.00 Session 1**

Panel A: Nineteenth-Century Culture *Chair:*  
Nathalie Rosset (Dundee), 'Some Approaches to Knowledge in early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Scotland: From Politeness to Subjection'  
William Morris Welch (Troy), 'Whistler's Brother'

Panel B: Gender, Society and Politics *Chair:*  
Nahla Hassan (Stirling), 'English Women in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries: Calls for Reform'  
Anne Baldwin (Huddersfield), 'Women and Power: A View from Northern English Counties'

Panel C: Mid-Twentieth-Century Issues *Chair:*  
Adam Ross (Sheffield), 'The Attlee Government, the 1948 Steel Bill and the House of Lords'  
Caterina Benincasa (Huddersfield), "'Its 1951 not 951" How did Leeds and York Represent their Identity of Place in the Festival of Britain Celebrations?'

**3.00-3.30 Tea**

**3.30-5.30 Session 2**

Panel D: Health and Death *Chair:*  
Julie Rugg (York), 'Mapping Change in Rural Burial Practices: 1850-present'  
Jane Seymour (UCL), 'George Newman, Preventive Medicine and Morality in Inter-War Britain'  
Leanne Dunlop (Strathclyde), 'Revisiting Optimist and Pessimist Interpretations of Inter-War Health: Glasgow's Experience, c.1920-39'  
Amy Bell (Huron University College), 'Murder and the Microscope: the Dobkin Case of 1942'

Panel E: Twentieth-Century Foreign Affairs *Chair:*  
James Renton (Edge Hill), 'Zionism and the British Empire, 1917-1939'  
Rakesh Ankit (Oxford), 'Great Britain and the First Indo-Pak Conflict on Jammu and Kashmir, 1947-1949'

Jenna Phillips (Cambridge), 'British Policy during the Korean War: January-April 1951'

Panel F: 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Politics

Marcus Morris (Lancaster), 'Discourse of Class: the Political Appeals of late-19<sup>th</sup> Century British Socialists'

Paul Ward (Huddersfield), 'Contriving to be Huw T.: Wales, Socialism and Biography in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century'

Matthew Roberts (Sheffield Hallam), 'Constructing the Unionist Ascendancy: An Analysis of By-elections, 1885-1906'

Jim Tomlinson (Dundee), 'Responding to Globalization: Churchill and the Dundee Election of 1908'

**5.30 Interval**

**6.00-7.30 Public Lecture: Miles Taylor (IHR), 'The Rise and Fall of the New Political History, 1983-2008'**

Trades Hall, Glasgow

**7.30-8.30 Reception**

Trades Hall, Glasgow

Wednesday 24 June

**9.00-10.00 Keynote lecture II**

*Chair:*

Katrina Honeyman (Leeds), 'The Exploitation of Little Children? The Uses and Abuses of Child Labour in English Industrialisation'

**10.00-10.30 Coffee**

**10.30-12.00 Session 3**

Panel G: Eighteenth-Century Radicals

*Chair:*

Anthony Page (Tasmania), 'Unitarians, Abolitionism and Enlightenment in late 18<sup>th</sup> Century England'

Martin Fitzpatrick (Aberystwyth), 'Editing the Wodrow-Kennick Correspondence (c.1750-1810)'

Emma Macleod (Stirling), 'Thomas Paine and Jeffersonian America'

Panel H: World Wars I and II

*Chair:*

Oliver Wilkinson (Lancaster), 'British Prisoners of War Camps in Germany and the Experience of Captivity during the First World War: An Ephemera Exploration'

Juliette Pattinson (Strathclyde), 'Hussies, Freaks and Lady Soldiers: The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry'

Emma Reilly (Strathclyde), 'From Civilian to Soldier: The Lived Experiences of British Army Recruits during the Second World War'

Panel I: Industrial Politics and the State in the Twentieth Century *Chair:*

Jim Phillips (Glasgow), 'The Moral Economy and Industrial relations: New Perspectives on the 1984-5 Miners' Strike'

Andrew Perchard (Strathclyde), 'Light Metal and Britain's *Warfare State*: Government-Business Relations in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Britain'

Niall MacKenzie (Cambridge), 'Bailing and Failing: Government Bailouts in Britain in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century'

**12.00-1.00 Lunch**

**1.00-2.00 Keynote lecture III**

*Chair:*

Ken Brown (QUB), 'The Impact of the First World War on British Business: The Case of the Toy Industry'.

**2.00-3.30 Session 4**

Panel J: Foreign Affairs in the Long Nineteenth Century *Chair:*

Edward McNeilly (Cambridge), 'The Conservatives and France, 1827-46'

Geoff Hicks (UEA), 'Do Cabinets of Rivals Make Good Foreign Policy? The Disraeli Example'

Benjamin Gillon (Glasgow), 'The Peripheral Consequences of Imperial Diplomacy: Lord Minto and the Impact of the Anglo-Russian Convention on Indian Defence, 1907-1910'

Panel K: Recent Politics

*Chair:*

Campbell Wilson (Glasgow), 'Possibility and Need: The UK Wave Energy Programme, 1975-82'

David Stewart (Central Lancashire), 'Preserving the "Contentious Alliance"? The 1985/86 trade union political fund ballots'

Jim Mills (Strathclyde), 'Class B and Blunkett: The Police and the Politics of Cannabis Reclassification, c.1997-c.2003'

Panel L: Cricket

*Chair:*

Dennis O'Keefe (Huddersfield), 'Clergy and Cricket in Calderdale, 1877-c.1920'

Duncan Stone (Huddersfield), 'Regional Cricket Identities: The Construction of Class Narratives and their Relationship to Contemporary Supporters'

**3.30-4.00 Tea**

**4.00-5.00 Keynote Lecture IV**

*Chair:*

George Peden (Stirling), 'Sir Horace Wilson and the Appeasement of Germany'.

**5.00-6.00 Session 5**

Panel M: Emigration

*Chair:*

Sofia Ericksson (Macquarie), 'A Right to Share the Bargain?: Emigration in British Travel Writing on Australia, 1870-1939'

Jean P. Smith (California), '"From this War the Empire Will Emerge Closer Knit": Child Evacuees And Migration to South Africa, 1939-50'

Panel N: Nineteenth-Century Religion

*Chair:*

Jan Pearson (Northampton), '"Nearer my God to Thee": Religion and Superstition onboard 19<sup>th</sup> Century Troopships'

Eleanor Harris (Stirling), “‘A Real Saint’”: Daniel Sandford, Bishop of Edinburgh, 1806-30’

Panel O: Labour and Europe

*Chair:*

Stephen Meredith (Central Lancashire), ‘A Prelude to Secession?: European Debates and Divisions on the Parliamentary Right of the British Labour Party, 1962-72’

Aoife Collins (UCD), ‘Tony Benn, the Cabinet Office and the Renegotiation Of Britain’s Terms of Entry into the European Community, 1974-75’

**6.00-6.30 After Meeting**

**Modern British History Network: Future Plans** *Chair:*

**6.30 Conclusion**