

Programme Draft: 2014 Britain and the World Conference

Thursday 19 June

10.15-11.45

1. Experiencing the British World through Travel, 1740-1850

Rachel Hammersley, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Doreen Skala, Independent Scholar, US: “A Personal Experience of the Hanoverian Empire: Examining the London Journal and Letters of Benjamin Chew, 1743-44”

Derek Janes, University of Exeter, UK: “Eyemouth and the World: the Connections of the Smuggler John Nisbet”

David Lowther, Newcastle University, UK: “Picturing Nature: the Role of Illustration in the Interpretation of the Natural World, 1820-50”

2. Shades of British Diplomacy

Helene von Bismarck, Associate Editor, The British Scholar Society, Germany: Chair

Ann Poulson, Kings College London, UK: “Britain, France, and the Diplomacy of Painting between 1837 and 1870”

Dan Larsen, Trinity College Cambridge, UK: “The Origins of Intelligence in the Anglo-American Relationship: Breaking American Codes in the First World War”

Orsolya Fürj, University of Debrecen, Hungary: “Turning-points of British-Hungarian relations in the late 1920s”

3. Antipodean Perspectives

Gregory Barton, University of Western Sydney, Australia: Chair

David Williams, University of Auckland, New Zealand: “Colonial Office Attitudes to Aboriginal Title rights in Early Colonial New Zealand Reconsidered”

Richard White, University of Sydney, Australia: “Australian Tourists and Nostalgia for England”

Mark Rowe, Independent Scholar, UK: “Graceful rivals? English views of Australian Cricket since 1882”

4. Varieties of British Involvement in the Middle East

Helen Berry, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Sarah Tooth, University of Newcastle, Australia: “Family Connections: Sir Hugh Bell, Gertrude Bell, and Imperial Careerism in the Middle East, 1899-1926”

Juliette Desplat, The National Archives, UK: “Three Nations and a Canal; Britain, France, Egypt and the Suez Canal, 1854-75”

Mika Suonpää, University of Turku, Finland: “British Bankers and the Insolvency of the Constantinople Quays Company”

12.00-13.15

Lunchtime Lecture

Common room

“Fiction and Realities in the Interwar Decades: the Newer Men and the Newer Women”
Reba Soffer, California State University, Northridge, US

13.30-15.00

1. The British Abroad during the Seventeenth Century

Michelle Brock, Washington and Lee University, US: Chair

Jessica Hower, Southwestern University, US: “Under one, inherited Imperial Crown: the Global Origins of Britain and its Empire, 1603-25”

Zachary Schulz, Purdue University, US: “Civil War and Identity: the English Factors in the Ottoman Empire, 1640-60”

Bryan Mann, Texas State University, US: “No Experience Required: Continental Military Participation and the English Civil War”

2. A regional approach to Britain and the Empire

Annie Tindley, University of Dundee, UK: Chair

Alex Hendrikson, University of Aberdeen, UK: “Scottish Civil Society and the End of Empire”

Ben Thomas, University of Aberdeen, UK: “Thinking Regionally: the Scottish Highlands and Empire, c. 1876-1902”

Jonathan Tate, University of Aberdeen, UK: “Regional Crisis to Imperial Business: North-West England and the British Cotton Growing Association at the beginning of the Twentieth Century”

3. Britain and Italy: Religious Relations

Tim Kirk, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Danilo Raponi, Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany: “Religion, National identity, and Foreign Relations: Great Britain and Italy, 1855-75”

Owain Wright, Lecturer in International History, University of Ulster, UK: “Religious ‘Persecutions’ in the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, and British Polemics and Policy on the Italian Question, 1852-53”

Marcella Pellegrino Sutcliffe, Clare Hall Cambridge, UK: “Civil religion, national character and free thought *or* the Italian origins of Unitarianism”

4. Radical Ideas and Ideologies in the Twentieth Century

Matt Perry, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Lewis Mates, Durham University, US: “Syndicalism, Anarchism and the ‘Transnational’ Turn”

Evan Smith, Flinders University, Australia: “The British Road to Postcolonialism? The Anti-Colonial Controversy at the 1957 25th Special Congress of the Communist Party of Great Britain”

Christopher Sutton, University of East Anglia, UK: “Britain, the Empire, and the Origins of the Cold War Youth Race”

5. Crises and Strategies, 1958-62

James Onley, University of Exeter, UK: Chair

Andrew Holt, King’s College London, UK: “British Foreign Policy-Making and the Cyprus Crisis, 1963-4”

John Burke, Newcastle University, UK: “Britain and ‘Greek’ Cyprus: Remembering a Troubled Past in a Conflicted Society”

Marco Wyss, University of Chichester, UK: “The Anglo-Nigerian Defence Agreement and Britain’s Post-Imperial Cold War Strategy, 1958-62”

15.15-16.45

1. Representing and Contesting Gender in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries

Helen Berry, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Bonnie White, Saint Francis Xavier University, Canada: “Women’s Land Service and Representations of Femininity in Britain and the United States, 1917-45”

Jonathan Shipe, Florida State University, US: “Scarred Bodies: Corporal Punishment and Discourses of Masculinity in the British Army, 1867-81”

Catherine Bishop, University of Western Sydney, Australia: “Mary Taylor, Businesswoman: Contesting British notions of Female Domesticity in the Colonies”

2. Politics and War in the Eighteenth Century British Atlantic

Richard Allen, University of South Wales, UK: Chair

Anna Brinkman, Kings College London, UK: “British Foreign Policy and the Court of Prize Appeal in the Seven Years Wars”

Simon Hill, Liverpool John Moores University, UK: “Liverpool privateers and the War of American Independence, 1775-83”

Evan Johnson, University of Georgia, US: “Legislation and Naturalization: Colonies, Armies, and the Expansion of British Subjecthood in the Atlantic World”

3. The Great Game, 1919-49

Helene von Bismarck, Associate Editor, The British Scholar Society, Germany: Chair

Maximilian Drephal, Loughborough University, UK: “The coloniality of diplomacy. The British Legation in Kabul and British-Afghan relations, c. 1919-49”

Georgio Poti, European University Institute, Italy: “Reconfiguring the British Empire after the ‘Wilsonian Moment’: The Egyptian and Iraqi Revolts in Global Perspective, 1919–22”

Brandon Marsh, Bridgewater College, US: “The Transfer of Power?: Sir George Cunningham, the Official Mind, and Decolonization on the Afghan Frontier”

4. Personnel of the Postwar World

Felix Schulz, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Daniel Gorman, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Canada: “Joining the International ‘Freemasonry’: Britons working at the UN, 1945-60”

Chris Jeppesen, University College London, UK: “‘Guardians of the colonial record’: the Overseas Service Pensioners’ Association (OSPA) and the battle for the popular memory of empire”

Michael Kandiah, King’s College London, UK: “The British Embassy and High Commission Witness Seminars”

17.00-18.30 Frank Turner Memorial Lecture 2.98

“‘The Curse of Meroz’: Britain and the World in the Seventeenth Century”

Jenny Wormald, University of Edinburgh, UK

19.00-00.00 Icebreaker Baltic

Friday 20 June

09.00-10.45

1. British Knowledge about Asia: Botany, Medicine and Commerce in the British Empire, 1750-1900

Robert Travers, Cornell University, US: Chair

Jessica Hanser, Yale NUS College, US: “The British Empire’s Unofficial Policy Advisors: Eighteenth-Century Private Traders”

Michael Aldous, London School of Economics, UK: “The Business of Information: Lowering Information Asymmetries in Nineteenth Century Anglo-Indian Trade”

Elizabeth Chang, University of Missouri, US: “British Knowledge about Asia: Botany, Medicine and Commerce in the British Empire, 1750-1900”

Catherine Ladds, Hong Kong Baptist University, China: “Imperial Medicine and Scientific Knowledge about China, 1871-1900”

2. Exhibitions and Localisms

Richard Allen, University of South Wales, UK: Chair

Jeffery Hankins, Louisiana Tech University, US: “The Commissariat and the Counties: Irish Local Government’s Inadequacy in 1840s Famine Relief”

Caroline Malloy, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, US: “Towns, Nations, and National Villages: Scottish, Irish, and English Villages at the Empire Exhibitions”

Jeffery Patterson, The University of Texas at Austin, US: “Souvenirs of Empire: the British Empire Exhibition of 1924 and the Representations of Imperial Identity”

James Burns, Clemson University, US: “The Ubiquity of The Empire”

3. Britain in Latin America: the Rio de la Plata: 1850-1980

Keith Brewster, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Charles Jones, Centre of International Studies, Cambridge, UK: “The British Politics of Anglo-Argentine Investment”

Fernando Lopez-Alves, UC Santa Barbara, US: “Great Britain and the Buffer State: Informal Empire or Financial Control in Uruguay, 1857-1917?”

Rory Miller, University of Liverpool, UK: “The Post-war Era in British Investment”

David Rock, UC Santa Barbara, US: “The Boundaries of Informal Empire: Britain and Argentina in the Nineteenth Century”

4. Britain and the Financial World

Charles Harvey, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

David Blaazer, University of New South Wales, Australia: “United against the world? Monetary Unions within and without the British Isles 1604-2014”

Tony Webster, Northumbria University, UK: “Britain’s Forgotten Global Colossus: the Rise and Decline of the Co-operative Wholesale Society’s International Supply Chains and Networks, 1863-1970”

André Grande Zarkovic, University of Salford, UK: “The Libor Cartel and its Effect on Financial Globalization”

Richard Smith, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK: “Britain, the Polish Debt Crisis and Policy towards Eastern Europe, 1980-2”

5. Constructing Race and Citizenship in the British World

Michael Kandiah, King’s College London, UK: Chair

Christopher Casey, UC Berkeley, US: “Blood or Soil: Britain's Nationality Policy in the First Age of Globalization”

Jesse Tumblin, Boston College, US: “‘The Toga of Nationhood’: Race, Strategy, and Security in the British Empire, 1907-14”

Wm. Matthew Kennedy, University of Sydney, US: “Imaginable Communities: Boer Prisoners of War in India and their Reinvention as Imperial Citizens, 1899-1905”

Edward Cavanagh, University of Ottawa, Canada: “Corporations and Settler Colonialism in the British Empire”

11.00-12.30

Brunchtime Lecture

Common Room

‘Sniping from the Periphery: The Historical Awkward Squad

John MacKenzie, Lancaster University, UK

12.45-14.15

1. Allies and Enemies: British-Latin-American Relations

David Rock, University of California, Santa Barbara, US: Chair

Mariano Schlez, National University of South, Argentina: “To die or conquer. The battle between Spanish and English merchants in Buenos Aires, 1794-1809”

Cynthia Machado Campos, University of Essex, UK: “The Literature of Complaint: Portuguese Publications Show Negative Opinions of the British influence in Brazil”

Maria Clara Paulino, Winthrop University, US: “British Perceptions of England’s Oldest Ally in Diaries, Letters, and Memoirs, 1750s-1850s”

Itzel Toledo García, University of Essex, UK: “The Official Recognition of the Mexican Revolution by Great Britain, 1920-6”

2. Middle Eastern Affairs 1916-68

James Onley, University of Exeter, UK: Chair

Rebecca Perry, Gannon University, US: “Information Intervention: British Public Diplomacy in Iraq During the 1950s”

Myriam Yakoubi, Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis University, France: “The evolution of British perceptions of Emir Abdullah and Transjordan, 1916-51”

Helene von Bismarck, Associate Editor, The British Scholar Society, Germany: “‘Prestige’ and British Imperialism in the Middle East after the Suez Crisis, 1957-68”

3. Faith and Decolonization

Brandon Marsh, Bridgewater College, US: Chair

Warren Dockter, Clare Hall Cambridge, UK: “Men of a Martial Nature: Winston Churchill and Muslims in British India”

Jennifer Reeve, University of East Anglia, UK: “Jewish Refugees in Britain’s Colonial Empire: British, Indian, African and Jewish Relations”

Harshan Kumarasingham, Centre of South Asian Studies Cambridge, UK: “The Tropical Dominions: the Appeal of Dominion Status in the Decolonisation of India, Pakistan and Ceylon”

4. Relations across the Pond in the Twentieth Century

Ben Houston, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Stephen Dippnall, University of Salford, UK: “British Attitudes towards American Race Relations in the Era of Brown v. Board”

Dean Blackburn, Nottingham University, UK: “Waddling in Strange Waters: Penguin Books and the American Book Market, 1949-64”

Edward Bujak, Harlaxton College/University of Evansville, US: “Britain’s History at Home and Abroad in the Context of US/UK Study Abroad”

5. Thatcherism and the World

Martin Farr, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Benjamin Grob-Fitzgibbon, University of Arkansas, US: “Not for Turning? Mrs Thatcher and Europe, 1975-90”

Estelle Davutoglu, University of Montpellier 3, France: “The Legacy of Thatcherism”

Guy Cohen, Salzburg University, Austria: “Thatcherite Lexicography”

14.30-16.00 Britain and the World Lecture

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“Humanitarianism on Trial: How a Global System of Aid and Development was Forged through the End of Empire”

Andrew Thompson, University of Exeter, UK

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| 16.30- | Conference dinner | Alnwick Castle |
| | 17.00 | Arrival – wander |
| | 18.00 | State of the Society |
| | 19.00 | Dinner |
| | 22.00 | First coach |
| | 00.00 | Second coach |

Saturday 21 June

09.00-10.30

1. Defining Scottishness in the Eighteenth Century and Beyond

Bryan Glass, Texas State University, US: Chair

Caroline Watkinson, University of Westminster/Institute of Historical Research, UK: “Women and Jacobitism, 1688-1750”

David Black, Independent Scholar, UK: “A Truth less than Self-evident; the Lost Legacy of Scottish America, 1650-1850”

Mark Wallace, Danville Community Centre, US: “Scottish Enlightenment Associational Culture”

2. Centres and Peripheries in Southeast Asia

Brandon Marsh, Bridgewater College, US: Chair

Tiffany Trimmer, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, US: “The Frontier That was also a Center: Malaya’s ‘World Position’ and the British Empire, 1867-1939”

Stephen Keck, American University of Sharjah, UAE: “Situating British Burma: the Promise of Trade with China”

Donna Brunero, National University of Singapore, Singapore: “Threats to the Maritime Realm? Britain and its Southeast Asian Ports in the age of High Imperialism”

3. Britain and India in the Nineteenth Century

Samiksha Sehrawat, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Jill Bender, University of North Carolina Greensboro, US: “Lessons of Violence: the British Empire in the Aftermath of the 1857 Indian Uprising”

David Johnson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, US: “New Delhi, Opium, and the Financing of Colonial Reform in India”

Leah Renold, Texas State University, US: “Mahatma Gandhi and the 1889 Carnegie Controversy in London”

4. Race and Culture in the Twentieth Century: Representations and Receptions

Tim Kirk, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Juliette Milner-Thornton, School of Humanities, Griffith University, Australia: “A Global Home for the British Race: Immigration, Identity Race and Colonialism”

David Alejandro Jerzy Murrieta Flores, University of Essex, UK: “Artist Collectives in the 1960s Movements: King Mob and the International Exchange of Ideas”

Andrew Smith, University College London, UK: “Afrobeat and the Ballet Africaine: Cultural Trajectories and the Creation of Self in the Late Colonial State”

5. Communication, Contention and Cooperation

Chris Smith, Aberystwyth University, UK: “Silent Partners: the Development of Communications Security in the Second World War”

Laura Seddelmeyer, Ohio University, US: “Politics and Personalities: Reshaping Australian Defense in a Contentious Canberra”

Sue Thompson, National Security College, ANU, Australia: “Britain and Regional Southeast Asian Cooperation, 1870-1970”

10.45-12.15

1. Science, Knowledge, and Environment in the Early Modern British World

Michelle Brock, Washington and Lee University, US: Chair

Sara Morrison, University of Western Ontario, Canada: “War and Ecology: Sherwood Forest and the Restoration Navy, 1660-70”

Alex Zukas, National University, La Jolla, US: “The Global Reach of British Empire in the Cartography of Herman Moll, 1700-30”

Daniel Lange, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany: “‘I call these voyages and discoveries mine’: English Pirates and the Making of Navigational Knowledge in the late Seventeenth Century”

2. Building a Trans-Atlantic Empire in the Long Nineteenth Century

Joan Allen, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Paula Hastings, University of Toronto, Canada: “An ‘Empire within an Empire’: Dominion Sub-Imperialism in the Late Nineteenth Century and the Writing of British Imperial History”

Timothy Forest, University of Cincinnati, UK: “Agents of Empire, Agents of Ruin: Highland Scots Colonies in the Canadian West, 1884-92”

Richard Allen, University of South Wales, UK: “Samuel Meredith (1741-1817): American Patriot and Welsh Philanthropist”

3. Understanding Colonialism and Colonization

Karly Kehoe, Glasgow Caledonian University, UK: Chair

Stephanie Barczewski, Clemson University, US: “Heroic Failure: a Uniquely British Ideal”

John Reid, Saint Mary’s University, Canada: “Settler Colonization and the Historians: Historiographical Dilemmas in the British World”

Alex Middleton, Lady Margaret Hall Oxford: “British Politics and European Imperialisms, 1815-48”

4. Health and Empire

Jonathan Andrews, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Linda Bryder, University of Auckland, New Zealand: “Truby King and Babies of the Empire”

Derek Dow, University of Auckland, New Zealand: “John Logan Campbell and Medicine in New Zealand”

Charles Ambler, UT El Paso, US: “International Drug Control and Decolonization”

5. Westminster Institutions and Individuals

Martin Farr, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Peter Catterall, University of Westminster, UK: “Failure to Reform the Composition of the House of Lords, 1911-49”

Neil Fleming, University of Worcester, UK: “Backseat Drivers? The Conservative 1922 Committee and Foreign and Imperial Affairs, 1923-39”

Nick Barnett, Research Centre for English Literature and Cultural History, UK: “British national Identities and the Deaths of Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher”

12.30-13:45

Lunchtime Lecture

2.98

“The Scottish Nation at Empire’s End”
Bryan S. Glass, Texas State University, US

14.00-15:30

1. Slavery and the Struggle for Human Rights

Diana Paton, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Richard Burchill, University of Hull, UK: “The Courts of Mixed Commissions and the Eradication of the Global Slave Trade: Great Britain’s Attempt to Convince the World to Pursue a Humanitarian Agenda”

Jon Gower Davies, Independent Scholar, UK: “Slaveries, Slave Trades and Human Rights”

Gordon Barnes, City University of New York, US: “Specters of Violence: Planter Ideology, Race, and the “Unthinkable” in Colonial Jamaica, 1830-65”

2. Maintaining Britain’s Pacific Empire

Gregory Barton, University of Western Sydney, Australia: Chair

Justine Atkinson, University of Newcastle, Australia: “Britain’s Colonial Seamen’s Missions”

Malcolm Campbell, University of Auckland, New Zealand: “Authority and Control in Britain’s Pacific Empire 1788-1848”

Benjamin Mountford, Corpus Christi College Oxford, UK: “The Most Unreasonable People I have ever Heard or Dreamt of: Lord Salisbury, the Australians and British Foreign Policy in the Pacific”

3. Ireland and Scotland in the British imperial and Atlantic world

Ben Thomas, University of Aberdeen, UK: Chair

Karly Kehoe, Glasgow Caledonian University, UK: “Catholicism and British Identity in the Atlantic World: 1780-1830”

Annie Tindley, University of Dundee, UK: “An Imperial aristocracy? Scottish and Irish Landowners in the British Imperial System”

Jonathan Wright, Queens University Belfast, UK: “Faith, Family and the ‘Atlantic World’: the Imperial Migrations of the Revs James Murdoch and Alexander McLeod Staveland”

4. Britain and Africa, 1953-77

Bryan Glass, Texas State University, US: Chair

Frank Gerits, European University Institute, Italy: “Great Britain and the Ideological Scramble for Africa, 1953-63”

Carol Summers, University of Richmond, US: “Lobbying the Empire: Buganda’s Late Colonial Crisis, 1953-6”

Jonathan Kuiken, Boston College, US: “The Bingham Inquiry: Business, Politics and Sanctions-Busting in Post-Colonial Africa”

5. Britain and the European Turn

Martin Farr, Newcastle University, UK: Chair

Gidon Cohen, Durham University, UK, and Sarah Cohen, Northumbria University, UK:
Varieties of Conservative Anti-Communism

Valentina Villa, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy, “Winston Churchill and Europe: an
Unexpected Relationship”

Robert Saunders, Queen Mary University of London, UK: “‘Out of Europe – and into the World’?
The Britain and Europe Referendum, 1975”

15.45-17.00 Keynote

Curtis Auditorium

David Reynolds

Christ’s College Cambridge

19.00-LATE Wrap party

Town Wall Pub

