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THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL HISTORY GROUP
TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
KEELE UNIVERSITY
7-9 September 2017

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 keynote lecture on Friday evening, a round table on Thursday afternoon. The Annual General Meeting will be held during the conference. The conference dinner will be held at the Keele Hall



Thursday 7 September – Round Table: 14.00-15.00

Emotions and International History

Chair: Patrick Finney, Aberystwyth University

Panel: John Young, University of Nottingham; Helen Parr, Keele University

First Panel Session – Thursday 7 September – 15.00-16.30

Panel A

Juliette Desplat (The National Archives) ‘Three Nations and a Canal: Britain, France, Egypt and the Suez Canal, 1854-1875’.

Alireza Shams Lahijani (LSE) ‘Iran's (re)entry into International Society: The Idea of the West from 1890’.

Maximilian Drephal (University of Sheffield) ‘Making history in Afghanistan: William Kerr Fraser-Tytler as diplomat and historian’.

Panel B

Influencing the Global South (1) British intelligence, covert action and security assistance in a post-colonial world.

Athol Yates (Khalifa University) ‘UK military and police assistance to the UAE from 1950s to 2010’.

Poppy Cullen (University of Cambridge) ‘“Maintaining and fostering friendly relations”: British military training for post-colonial Kenya’.

Thomas Maguire (University of Cambridge) ‘British overseas security assistance: counter-subversion, stability and influence in Cold War Southeast Asia’.

Panel C

The Invention of International Bureaucracy – The League of Nations and the Creation of International Public Administration.

Emil Eiby Seidenfaden (Aarhus University) ‘Public Legitimization Strategies of the League of Nations 1919-1925’.

Haakon A. Ikononou (Aarhus University) ‘An impossible dream? The Disarmament Section, 1920-1939’.

Karen Gram-Skjoldager (Aarhus University) and Torsten Kahlert (Aarhus University) ‘Inside International Bureaucracy – Leadership Strategies and Career Trajectories in the League of Nations Secretariat’.

Second Panel Session – Thursday 7 September – 17.00-18.30

Panel A

Przemysław Piotr Damski (Vistula University) 'Emotions, prejudices and the "great rapprochement" in the time of First World War'.

David Kaufman (University of Edinburgh) "'A Phenomenon that Defied Prevision": Bolsheviki and Bolshevism in the British "Official Mind", November 1917-March 1918'.

Tina Tamman (Independent scholar) 'Soviet Baltic border as silent battleground in London'.

Panel B

Alban Webb (University of Sussex) 'Diplomatic Narratives: the story of Britain after 1945'.

Lorna Lloyd (Keele University) 'Britain and the 1946 Indian-South African dispute at the United Nations over South Africa's treatment of people of Indian origin'.

Matthew Lord (University of Leeds) "'Going the whole hog (or kangaroo)": British gallantry awards and Commonwealth politics in the era of Vietnam and Whitlam, 1965-1975'.

Louise Kettle (University of Nottingham) 'Planning the Gulf War: The view from the Foreign Office'.

Thursday 7 September – Postgraduate ECR Job Workshop: 18.45-19.45

Wine Reception & Buffet Dinner: 19.45-22.00

Third Panel Session - Friday 8 September – 09.00-10.30

Panel A

Influencing the Global South (2): British intelligence, covert action and security assistance in a post-colonial world.

Rory Cormac (University of Nottingham) 'Managing Imperial Decline: "Fancy Footwork" and the Failure of Covert Action in the Colonies'.

Huw Bennett (Cardiff University) 'Deception and psychological warfare in Britain's Middle East strategy, 1945-1961'.

Michael Goodman (King's College London) 'The role of British Intelligence and covert action in Konfrontasi'.

Panel B

Adam Richardson (University of Leeds) 'Sir Percy Loraine and British relations with Italy, 1939-1940'.

Harry Mace (University of Cambridge) 'The Eurafrique initiative; the Paris embassy and the British Foreign Office c. 1945-1949'.

Adam Rolewicz (University of Kent) "'How to be Byzantium without becoming Byzantine": Paul Gore-Booth, the Foreign Office, and Britain's Second Application for Membership of the EEC, 1965-7'.

Panel C

Polly Corrigan (King's College London) 'The Soviet Intelligence Service in the 1930s - a reappraisal of domestic activity'.

Colin McDowall (University of Glasgow) 'Entente Cordiale? The role of the Chiefs of Staff and the Allied Military Committee in Anglo-French Liaison during the Phoney War, September 1939 to June 1940'.

David Whittington (University of the West of England) 'The 1942 Cripps Mission to India'.

Fourth Panel Session – Friday 8 September - 11.00-12.30

Panel A

Dean Clay (Liverpool John Moores University) 'The Congo Reform Association and the beginning of Transnational Humanitarianism, 1903-1913'.

Fransjohan Pretorius (University of Pretoria) 'A promising beginning to a brilliant career: General Jan Smuts and the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902'.

Charlotte Botfield (Aberystwyth University) 'British Counter-Espionage in the First World War; the Forgotten East African Experience'.

Nathaniel Powell (Fondation Pierre du Bois pour l'histoire du temps présent) 'Experts in Decolonization? France in Chad, 1960-1972'.

Panel B

Daniel Hucker (University of Nottingham) 'Conceptualizing an "International Public Opinion": Exploring an Intersection of Diplomacy and Transnational Citizen Activism, 1880-1920'.

Richard Dunley, (The National Archives) 'A "very remarkable system". The Edwardian Foreign Office, its Registry and archive'.

Gaynor Johnson, (University of Kent) 'The Diplomatic Service List and the role of women in British foreign policy 1930-1975'.

Panel C

Embassies in Crisis.

Rogelia Pastor-Castro (University of Strathclyde) 'The British Embassy in Paris and the Fall of France'.

Richard Smith (FCO) 'Flying the Lone Flag: the British Consul in Macau during the Second World War'.

David Schriff (Austrian Academy of Sciences) 'From crisis to crisis: Austrian diplomatic representations in Czechoslovakia from the early 1950s to the late 1960s'.

Lunch: 12.30-13.45

Plenary: Presentation by British Online Archives Relating to the Centenary of the Paris Peace Conference 12.45-13.00

Plenary: Publish with Palgrave 13.00-13.45

Fifth Panel Session – Friday 8 September – 13.45-15.15

Panel A

Miklos Lojko (Eotvos Lorand University) 'Railways and Diplomats: The Failure of the League of Nations to Settle the Manchurian Crisis, 1931-1933'.

Hayley Mathers (University of Edinburgh) 'The League of Nations and the Protection of the Romanian Jewish Population in the 1920s'.

Quincy Cloet (Aberystwyth University) 'Truth-seekers or Peace-brokers? The League of Nations and its Commissions of Inquiry'.

Liam Stowell (University of Manchester) "'The Ancient Space" and the concept of civilisation in British international thought, 1919-1939'.

Panel B

John Bagnall (Newcastle University) "'Patriotism is a strong plant, not a weed": Britain, the Commonwealth and the Falklands Crisis, 1982-1990'.

Louise Clare (University of Manchester) 'Misdirected propaganda caused by cultural differences between Argentina and Great Britain in the Falklands War'.

Sixth Panel Session – Friday 8 September – 15.45-17.15

Panel A

Victor Gavin (University of Barcelona) 'What is a democracy? The British Foreign Office before the prospect of a democratic Spain (1975 – 1976)'.

Athanasios Antonopoulos (University of Edinburgh) 'Vindicated at last? Kissinger and the Cyprus negotiations, 1974-1976'.

Alessio Zuddas (University of Cagliari) 'Cossiga – Thatcher: Bilateral relations between Italy and the United Kingdom during the Italian presidency of the European Council, 1980'.

Panel B

Matt Jones (Keele University) 'Military Intervention and Dispelling Cold War Fears: Mass Observers' Responses to the Persian Gulf War, 1990-1991'.

Aviva Guttman (Johns Hopkins University), 'Who manipulated whom? Western Intelligence and Muammar al-Qaddafi's involvement in the Palestinian armed struggle'.

Phil Morgan (Keele University) 'The Paradox of Decline: Libya, Syria and the Role of Military Force in British Foreign Policy'.

Panel C

Takeshi Sugawara (Kyoto University/LSE) 'From Europe to Siberia: Britain and the Connection between Japan's Military Assistance and the Siberian Intervention during the First World War'.

Katie Griffiths (University of Nottingham) 'British Propaganda and the difficulties of operating in Communist China, 1948-54'.

Anton Harder (LSE) 'Mao's diplomacy as struggle: confrontation with Nehru's India, divergence from Moscow, and support for the Third World'.

Kai Bruns (American University of Ras Al Khaimah) "'It's peaceful coexistence or no coexistence": Codifying basic principles for an ideological battle'.

BIHG Annual General Meeting – 17.30-18.20

Keynote Lecture – Friday 8 September – 18.30-19.30

Professor Richard Vinen, King's College London, 'Diplomacy and the long 68'

Wine Reception & Conference Dinner: 19.45-22.30

Seventh Panel Session - Saturday 9 September - 9.15-10.45

Panel A

Lindsay AQUI (QMUL) "A doubting, niggling, curmudgeonly performance": Britain and the European Community, January 1973 – March 1975'.

Caspar Bienek (Keele University) 'The UK and the making of the Single European Act'.

Panel B

Dr Saho Matsumoto-Best (Nagoya City University) 'The Vatican and International Organizations in their Historical Context'.

Bastiaan Bouwman (LSE) 'Human rights as politics and as humanitarianism: The World Council of Churches in the 1960s and 1970s'.

Jonas Mikkelsen (SOAS) 'Varieties of Views on the Role of the Executive Head in Intergovernmental Organizations 1969 to 1999 – from Robert Cox to Barnett and Finnemore'.

Panel C

Dr Antony Best (LSE) "A Remarkable Nation": The City of London and Loans to Japan, 1902-14'.

Dr Wei Wang (Nankai University) 'Arnold J. Toynbee and the Planning for the Post-War World Order during the Second World War'.

Branislav Radeljic (University of East London) 'Twenty-Five Years of the Collapse of Yugoslavia: Archives, Documents and Policy-Making Dilemmas'.

Eighth Panel Session - Saturday 9 September - 11.15-12.45

Panel A

Ugo Bruschi (University of Bologna) "A Country Subject to Frequent Mutations": Reading the British Political System in the 18th Century in Italian Diplomatic Reporting'.

Andrew Cobbing (Nottingham University) "Hands Off, I'm British!" Perceptions of Immunity from Arrest in the East'.

SY Kim (University of Sheffield) 'Korean Neutrality Debates before the Sino-Japanese War of 1894-5'.

Panel B

Boyd van Dijk (EUI/King's College London) 'The Geneva Conventions of 1949: A Genealogy of Regulating Air and Atomic Warfare'.

William King (LSE) 'The 1952 Global Strategy Paper and British Chemical Warfare Policy'.

Rita Paroda (Pazmany Peter Catholic University) 'Operational War Plans of the Warsaw Pact in the 1960s and 1970s in the light of Hungarian and CIA documents'.

Panel C

Dan Feather (Liverpool John Moores University) 'Forging links with the "successor generation": British educational assistance to South Africa, 1979 – 1994'.

George Roberts (University of Warwick) 'Uganda and the international history of the 1970s human rights 'revolution'.

Todd Carter (University of Oxford) "'When I pop off and they open my heart, on it will be engraved 'Fish' and 'Rhodesia'": Diplomacy, the Kissinger-Crosland "Love Affair" and Rhodesia'.

Lunch: 12.45-13.45

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