

## Program



### Graduate Conference: 'History in Light of Brexit'

The Association of Political History, King's Contemporary British History,  
The Strand Group, The History of Parliament Trust  
London 5-7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

#### Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>

Registration, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Open Space, History Department, King's College London – 15:00-16:30

#### *Roundtable: 'History in Light of Brexit'*

With Sir Stephen Wall, Professor Robert Tombs and Professor Helen Parr, chaired by Professor Henk te Velde – 16:30-18:00

(this round table functions as an introduction to the theme of the conference)

Walk to Parliament – 18:00-18:30

Reception in Jubilee Room, Westminster Hall – 18:30-20:00

Walk from Parliament to The Strand Continental – 20:00-20:30

Conference Dinner at The Strand Continental – 20:30-22:00

#### Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>

King's College London, Bush House, Room 1.01

9:00-10:30 – Session 1: *Identifying 'Europeanness'*

Chair: Professor Ido de Haan – Universiteit Utrecht

Discussant: Pasi Ihalainen – University of Jyväskylä

Stuart Smedley - King's College London – The Historical Will of the People: The Value of Public Opinion Polls and Surveys for Contemporary Political Historians after Brexit



Jean-Francois Delangre – University of Geneva, Switzerland – “I Beg Your Pardon, But WE Suffered The Most!” Contested Memories And Victimhood Competition In The EU, The Baltic States From Restauration Of Their Independences Until Nowadays

Martin Johansson – Södertörn University – Imagining neighbours: Norden at the Winter Olympics, 1936 to 1998

10:30-11:00 – BREAK

11:00-12:30 – Session 2: ***Battling identities***

Chair: Professor Giovanni Orsina – LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome

Discussant: Professor Henk te Velde – Leiden University

Talitha Ilacqua - King's College London – The Case of a ‘Soft’ Border in Nineteenth-Century France

Miel Groten – Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam – Victorian Glasgow, Unionism, and the Empire in the light of Scottish Nationalism

Wiivi-Maria Jouttijarvi – University of Jyväskylä, Finland – National identity in and after a multinational imperium: the case of Estonia

12:30-14:00 – LUNCH

14:00-15:30 – Session 3: ***Comparative histories***

Chair: discussant from Södertörn University

Discussant: Professor Irène Herrmann – Université de Genève

Tom Kelsey – King’s College London – ‘High technology’ in post-war Britain and France

Lauri Niemisto – University of Jyväskylä, Finland – Violent and illegitimate protest: visual representations of British suffragettes’ and German socialists’ campaigns for franchise reform in national cartoons, 1905 – 1914

Risto-Matti Matero - University of Jyväskylä, Finland – From human-nature companionship to green consumerism: How *sustainable development* and *ecological modernism* changed Green parties’ perception of human nature in Germany and Finland in the 1990s

15:30-15:45 – BREAK

15:45-17:00 – ***Roundtable: England and Brexit***

Chair: professor David Edgerton

Speakers include Patrick Wright

Circa 18.00: ***In conversation with Rt. Hon. Ed Balls*** at the Guild Hall followed by dinner

## Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>

King's College London, Bush House, Room 1.01

9:00-10:00 – Session 4: ***The military, society and exceptionalism***

Chair: Dr. Margit van der Steen – Leiden University

Discussant: Professor Richard Vinen – King's College London

George Evans – King's College London – Militarism, British exceptionalism and Anglo-Indian Officers

Guilia Letizia Melideo – LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome – The “associated” country: Greece and the EEC during the military regime (1967-1974)

10:00-11:30 – Session 5: ***Histories beyond Europe***

Chair: Marc Lazar – Sciences Po

Discussant: Professor Richard Vinen – King's College London

Lasse Lassen – Universität Bielefeld, Germany – The Tricontinental Conference of Havana: Cuba Creating the Internationalist Isle

François Courvoisier – University of Geneva, Switzerland – Northern universalisms vs. African solidarity: What are the unmet needs for an African Charter for Human and People's Right in 1981?

Björn Reynir Halldórsson – University of Iceland – Within or without Europe: Existential crises of two island states in the Atlantic 2009-2019

11:30-13.00

***Board Meeting*** Association Political History

PhD Workshop (PhD candidates prepare the round table on History in Light of Brexit).

13:00-14:00 – LUNCH – With a group photograph at 13:45

14:00-15:00 – ***PhD Roundtable on 'History in Light of Brexit'***

(PhD candidates reflect on the results of the questions asked at the beginning of the conference. These questions are: What is the role of borders in modern European history and historiography? What is the nature of Europe's political identity and how has it changed? What does Brexit mean for our historiographical understanding of national identity and nationalism? The reflection by the PhD candidates is followed by a discussion with all participants).

15:00-16:00 – ***Careers Workshop***

(in this workshop, post docs will reflect upon the next step in their careers after having finished the PhD thesis).