

# **THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL HISTORY GROUP**

**(Under the Auspices of BISA)**

**TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD**

**3-5 September 2009**

## **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. There will also be two keynote lectures on the first and second evenings and a plenary session on Friday afternoon. The Annual General Meeting will be held during the conference.

## **Programme**

## **Keynote Lecture – Thursday 3 September - 18.45-19.45**

*France's Readiness for War in 1914 (John Keiger)*

## **First Panel Session - Friday 4 September - 9.15-10.45**

### **Panel A**

British Power in the International System before World War I (*William Mulligan*)  
A Conservative Tradition in British Foreign Policy, 1822-1880 (*John Charmley*)  
Charming but Stupid People: The Foreign Office Mind and Austria-Hungary, 1854-1914 (*Thomas Otte*)

### **Panel B**

Crusaders at the Battle of Ascalon: Middle East Warfare of the late 11th Century (*George Theotokos*)  
Sovereignty and Imperialism: Britain and the Emergence of the UAE, Qatar and Bahrain (*Sohei Sato*)  
Going Hand over Head: Britain, France and the Syrian Massacres of 1860 (*Laurence Guymer*)

### **Panel C**

The Abyssinian Crisis Reconsidered: Fascist Italy (*Robert Mallett*)  
The Abyssinian Crisis Reconsidered: Great Britain (*Steven Morewood*)  
The Abyssinian Crisis Reconsidered: France (*Lora Gibson*)

### **Panel D**

NSSM-122 and the Rebuilding of Post Shocks US-Japanese Relations, 1971 (*Fintan Hoey*)  
Significance of East German State Security Records for Understanding the British Intelligence Operations during the Cold War, 1945-1989 (*Paul Maddrell*)  
Last Great Adventure of the 20th Century: The Sealand Affair, 1967-1978 (*Grant Hibberd*)

## **Second Panel Session - Friday 4 September - 11.15-12.45**

### **Panel A**

A Moral League of Nations against the United States: Declaration of Paris of 1856 Reconsidered (*Jan Lemnitzer*)  
Diplomacy and the Fourth Estate: The Press and mid Nineteenth Century British Foreign Policy (*David Brown*)

### **Panel B**

Portrait of Peace: Titian (*Regina Fritzsche*)  
The Cultural Diplomacy of Sir James Rennell Rodd: Pre-Raphaelites to the League of Nations (*Saho Matsumoto Best*)

### **Panel C**

Sir Eric Phipps, the Marquess of Crewe and the Paris Embassy, 1922-1928 (*Gaynor Johnson*)  
René Massigli: the View from the French Embassy in London, 1945-1954 (*Rogelia Pastor-Castro*)  
A Rock and a Hard Place: Sir Gladwyn Jebb at the Paris Embassy, 1954-1960 (*Christopher Goldsmith*)

### **Panel D**

The Northern Department of the Foreign Office and the Soviet Union, 1945-1953 (*Ulrike Thieme*)  
American Foreign Policy and Liberal Ideology, 1940-1960 (*John Callaghan*)  
The British Occupation of Berlin 1945-1947: Provoking the Cold War? (*Emma Peplow*)

## **Third Panel Plenary Session – Friday 4 September - 14.00-16.00**

The Soviet Union in the Summer of 1939 (*Evan Mawdsley and Alastair Kocho-Williams*)

### **Keynote Lecture – Friday 4 September – 18.45-19.45**

The Teleology of 1914: British Foreign Policy or the Origins of the War? (*Keith Neilson*)

### **Fourth Panel Session - Saturday 5 September - 9.15-10.45**

#### **Panel A**

The Embassy of Sir Nicholas O'Connor to the Sublime Porte, 1898-1908 (*John Burman*)

Lord Minto and the Impact of the Anglo-Russian Convention on Indian Defence, 1907-10 (*Ben Gillion*)

#### **Panel B**

Economic Appeasement during Neville Chamberlain's Premiership, 1937-1939 (*Andrew Stedman*)

A Frustrated Pro-American: Neville Chamberlain and the United States (*Peter Bell*)

Labour Mobilisation: West Midlands' Armament Manufacturers and the Coming of War (*Neil Forbes*)

#### **Panel C**

British Cultural Diplomacy and the East Asian Balance of Power, 1929-1937 (*Antony Best*)

Visions and Practices in Inter-War Japanese Diplomacy: Shidehara, Hirota, Matsuoka (*Seung-young Kim*)

Yoshida's Diplomacy and Anglo-Japanese Relations in the early 1950s (*Tomoki Kuniyoshi*)

#### **Panel D**

British Reactions to American Anti-Trust Enforcement, 1945-1960 (*Raj Roy*)

The Washington Embassy and Anglo-American Relations, 1957-1963 (*Michael Hopkins*)

The Kissinger Syndrome: British Ambassadors in Washington, 1969-1977 (*John Young*)

### **Fifth Panel Session - Saturday 6 September - 11.15-12.45**

#### **Panel A**

The Invisible Politician: Mary Derby and the Great Eastern Crisis (*Jennifer Davey*)

The Man who was not there: A Foreign Policy Mystery, 1878 (*Geoff Hicks*)

#### **Panel B**

International Sanctions: British Reactions to the Harmonisation Project, 1929-1930 (*Lora Gibson*)

Britain and the Global Arms Trade, 1918-1936 (*Edward Packard*)

#### **Panel C**

Cruise and Pershing Missiles and the British Labour Party (*Len Scott*)

The Impact of the Troubles on Anglo-Irish-American Relations, 1971-1974 (*Alan Macleod*)

The Labour Government's Renegotiation of Britain's Terms of Entry into the EEC, 1974-1975 (*Aoife Collins*)

#### **Panel D**

Fighting a Losing Battle: Britain and the Illegal Drug Trade, 1772-post 1972 Era (*Jerome Teelucksingh*)

Britain and the Indo-Pakistan War of 1965 (*Jonathan Colman*)

Law at War: POWs, Geneva Conventions, Korean Armistice Negotiations, 1951-1953 (*Robert Nelson*)

## **Timetable**

### **Thursday, 3 September**

1500 onwards - Arrival at the University of Salford, report to reception  
1800 Wine Reception  
1845 Keynote Lecture  
2000 Dinner

## **Friday, 4 September**

0800-0900 Breakfast  
0915-1045 First Panel Session  
1045-1115 Coffee  
1115-1245 Second Panel Session  
1245-1345 Lunch

1400-1600 Plenary Session  
1600-1630 Tea  
1630-1730 BIHG AGM  
1845 Keynote Lecture and Wine Reception  
2000 Conference Dinner

## **Saturday, 5 September**

0800-0900 Breakfast  
0915-1045 Fourth Panel Session  
1045-1115 Coffee  
1115-1245 Fifth Panel Session  
1245 Lunch

## **General Information Accommodation and Sessions**

The conference will be held at the University of Salford. Accommodation, based in Constantine Court on the Peel Park campus, is available which is all en suite. Sessions will be held entirely on the Salford campus of the University where lunch, refreshments and dinner will also be served. The second keynote lecture and the conference dinner will take place at the Imperial War Museum North, Salford Quays. Transport will be provided between the university campus and the museum. Further details of location including campus and road map will be sent out near to the conference. If a booking receipt is required contact **Glyn.Stone@uwe.ac.uk**

## **University of Salford**

Parking at the University of Salford is plentiful and there should be no problem about parking your car. Parking is available at Northern Car Park (behind University House). Please confirm on the booking form if you are bringing your car so that a parking permit can be arranged in advance. If you travel by train, the university has its own station, Salford Crescent, which is a five minute easy walk away from the main conference venue. From Manchester Piccadilly, Manchester's principal main line station, all trains to Salford Crescent go from platform 14 and are generally frequent, approx 4-5 per hour. All trains to Bolton, Wigan, Southport and Blackpool North stop at Salford Crescent. Trains to Southport and Blackpool North originate at Manchester Airport, so it is an easy journey to the university if you choose to fly. The trains run approximately every half hour and the journey time for the airport is approximately 30 minutes. By taxi, Manchester Piccadilly is a 20 minute journey of approximately 3 miles; to and from the airport allow at least 30 minutes. The university campus is bisected by the A6 and the buses that run along it to and from Manchester city centre are numerous and frequent. Shude Hill and Piccadilly Gardens, the two main bus termini in Manchester are a short taxi ride or a short walk respectively from Manchester Piccadilly station.

## **Registration**

Registration will take place at Reception from 1500 to 1800 on 3 September. Delegates will receive full documentation on registration.

## **Book Exhibition**

There will be a book exhibition arranged by publishers.

## **Conference Fees and Charges**

Fees and charges will be: Conference Fee; Full Conference Accommodation (exclusive of fee) or Individual Requirements (exclusive of fee), see [booking form](#).

Please indicate your requirements on the [booking form](#) and return with your cheque to: Professor Glyn Stone, BIHG Secretary, School of History, University of the West of England Bristol, St Matthias Campus, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 2JP.

Please make your cheque, including fee, payable to: ***British International History Group***