

# **THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL HISTORY GROUP (Under the Auspices of BISA)**

## **TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

### **UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND BRISTOL**

**5-7 September 2013**

#### **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 with six sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings. There will also be two keynote lectures on the first and second evenings, a round table on the first evening and a plenary session on Friday afternoon. The Annual General Meeting will be held during the conference.

#### **Twenty Fifth Anniversary Conference**

The British International History Group inaugural conference, at which the Group was founded, took place at Bristol Polytechnic, the forerunner of the University of the West of England, in September 1988. The first annual conference was held at St John's College Cambridge in September 1989. This year's annual conference is the twenty fifth to be held and it was felt to be appropriate to hold it at the venue at which the Group was founded.

### **Round Table: 17.15- 18.30**

The British International History Group: John Young [Chairman], Ted Johnson [Vice-Chairman], Glyn Stone [Secretary].

### **Keynote Lecture – Thursday 5 September – 19.15-20.15**

Professor Geoffrey Roberts, 'Memoirs and the Historian: Writing the Biography of Marshal Georgy Zhukov'.

### **First Panel Session - Friday 6 September - 9.15-10.45**

#### **Panel A**

David Schriffl, Austrian Academy of Sciences, 'On the Crossroads of Power Politics and Dynastic Struggles: Intermingling Austrian and Portuguese Interests Overseas and in Europe in the early 19th Century'.

Anna Brinkman, King's College London, 'The Court of Mixed Commissions in Havana: A case Study of Britain's Attempt to Suppress the Spanish Slave Trade, 1820-1835'.

Owain Wright, University of Worcester, 'A Policy of Regime Change? Sir Henry Elliott's Special Mission to the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, 1859-1860'.

#### **Panel B**

Sakiko Kaiga, King's College London, 'Use of Force to Prevent War? The Bryce Group's Proposals for the Avoidance of War, 1914-1915'.

George Giannakopoulos, Queen Mary London, 'Nationality before Internationalism: The *New Europe* magazine in Britain during the First World War and Its Immediate Aftermath'.

Sarah Frank, Trinity College Dublin, 'Colonial Prisoners of War under the Influence: German and French Propaganda'.

#### **Panel C**

Miklos Lojko, Central European University Budapest. 'The Age of Illusion? The Foreign Office and Overseas Trade during the Inter-War Years'.

Neil Forbes, Coventry University, 'The Relationship between Public Policy, Diplomacy and the Flow of International Finance with particular reference to Hungary in the 1930s'.

Uri Bar-Noi, Bar-Ilan University Israel, 'Timber and Coarse Grains for Jet Engines, Aircraft and Machine Tools: Anglo-Soviet Trade Negotiations, 1946-1947'.

## **Panel D**

Daniel Gilfoyle, The National Archives, 'South Africans Abroad: Origins of the Continental Control of Rinderpest in East Africa, 1930-1950'

Fewzi Borsali, University of Adrar Algeria, 'The British Labour Party and Colonial Development Policy in Africa, 1920-1950'.

Poppy Cullen, University of Durham, 'Funeral Planning: British Involvement in the Funeral of President Jomo Kenyatta, 1968-1978'.

## **Panel E**

Len Scott, Aberystwyth University, 'Trust and Deception in Relations between Nikita S. Khrushchev and John F. Kennedy, 1961-1963'.

Jonathan Colman, University of Central Lancashire, 'The 'Bowl of Jelly'? The US Department of State in the Kennedy and Johnson years, 1961-1968'.

Robert McNamara, University of Ulster, 'US Intelligence Assessments and the Unholy Alliance of Southern Africa: The Road to Intelligence Assessment Failure'.

## **Panel F**

Gabriel Doherty, University College Cork, 'Ireland, the UK, EEC and NATO: The Polish Invasion Scares, 1980-1981'.

Ekavi Athanassopoulou, University of Athens, 'The Emergence of Turkey as a Front Line State for the United States during the 1990s'.

Natalie Martin, Loughborough University, 'Has Turkey's European Boat sailed? Prospects for Turkey-EU relations since 1997'.

## ***Second Panel Session - Friday 6 September - 11.15-12.45***

### **Panel A**

Barbara Reeves-Ellington, Siena College, 'Boston on the Bosphorous: Religion, Diplomacy and Anglo-American Politics in 19th Century Istanbul'.

Andrada Liga Manole, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, 'The Opposing Allies: Stratford Canning and Edouard Thouvenel: Anglo-French Disagreements in Constantinople concerning the Union of Romanian Principalities'.

Roberto Mazza, Western Illinois University, 'The British Conquest of Jerusalem, 1917-1918'.

### **Panel B**

Alexander Noonan, Boston College, 'Assassins on Trial: Hurdles to Prosecuting Transnational Crimes, 1900-1901'.

Tony Lentin, Wolfson College Cambridge, 'Amritsar Aftermath: Ruffling Imperial Feathers, Mr Justice McCardle and the case of O'Dwyer v. Nair, 1924'.

Benedict Greening, London School of Economics, 'The Last Hangings on British Soil: The Royal Prerogative of Mercy, the Creech-Jones Doctrine and the Judicial Killings of Erskine Durrant Burrows and Larry Winfield Tacklyn'.

### **Panel C**

Greg Kennedy, King's College London, 'British Propaganda and the Deterrence of Japan, 1933-1942'.

Nick Lloyd, King's College London, 'Propaganda, Influence and the British in India, 1917-1941'.

Kate Utting, King's College London, 'Palestine 1945-1948: Policy Propaganda and the Limits of Influence'.

### **Panel D**

David Hall, University of East Anglia, 'Eden's Visit to Moscow: The Changing Course of British Foreign Policy, December 1941'.

Martin Folly, Brunel University, 'Churchill, Eden and the Stalled Alliance: Britain and the Soviet Union, November 1942 to March 1943'.

Alex Ferguson, University of Southampton, 'Quiet and Ugly Americans: The US Embassy at Saigon and the Decolonisation of Vietnam, 1950-1954'.

### **Panel E**

Bevan Sewell, University of Nottingham, 'Anglo-American relations over Latin America between 1961 and 1963'.

James Lockhart, University of Arizona, 'Showcase: Britain and Chile's Nuclear Program in the 1960s'.

Christopher Reeves, University of Kracow, 'Anglo-American Relations and the 1971 Four Power Berlin Treaty'.

### **Panel F**

Charles Ariye, University of Keele, 'The Diplomatic Imperative in Dispute Resolution: An Examination of Bilateralism in the 1994 Bakassi Peninsula Case between Nigeria and Cameroon'.

Kingsly Awang Ollong, University of Bamena, Cameroon, 'Paradox of Corporate Social Responsibility in Africa: The Case of Some French Multinational Companies'.

### ***Third Panel Plenary Session – Friday 6 September - 14.00-16.00***

Professor Geoff Swain, University of Glasgow, Dr Alastair Kocho-Williams, Aberystwyth University, 'Stalin and Hitler'.

## ***Keynote Lecture – Friday 6 September – 18.45-19.45***

Professor John Young, 'An American Ambassador in London: David Bruce, 1961-1969'.

## ***Fourth Panel Session - Saturday 7 September - 9.15-10.45***

### **Panel A**

Alan Sharp, University of Ulster, 'The New Diplomacy and the New Europe, 1916-1921',

Elisabetta Tollardo, University of Oxford, 'Italy and the League of Nations, 1920-1936'.

Jaci Eisenburg, The Graduate Institute Geneva, 'The Status of Women: A Bridge from the League of Nations to the United Nations'.

### **Panel B**

Paul Horsler, London School of Economics, 'The Munich Crisis 1938: A Local Story'.

Jonathan Murphy, University College Cork, 'Blurring the Lines: Anglo-Polish Attitudes towards the Polish-Soviet Border at the Outbreak of the Second World War'.

Michael Carley, University of Montreal, 'The war that almost was: The Anglo-Franco-Soviet Confrontation over Finland, December 1939-March 1940'.

### **Panel C**

Dragan Bakic, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, 'Milan Stojadinović, the Croat Question and the International Position of Yugoslavia, 1935-1939'.

Andras Becker, University of Southampton, 'The Failure of a Revolutionary Diplomat: György Barcza, Hungarian Minister at London, 1938-1941: An Analysis of His Diaries'.

Branislav Radeljic, University of East London, 'European-Yugoslav Relations, 1968-1991'.

### **Panel D**

Alessandro Iandolo, New Economic School Moscow, 'No Love Lost: USSR-UN Relations during the Early Congo Crisis, 1960-1961'.

Alanna O'Malley, European University Institute Florence, 'A stage upon which to avert bloodshed by substituting ritual for real conflict: US-UN Relations in the Early Stages of the Congo Crisis, 1960-1961'.

Frank Gerits, European University Institute Florence, 'Churchill's and Macmillan's Approach to Psychological Scramble for Africa during the 1950s'.

## **Panel E**

Dionysios Chourchoullis, 'NATO Assessments of the Soviet Military and Naval Presence in the Eastern Mediterranean, North Africa and the Middle East, 1964-1970'.

Edward Hampshire, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, 'Ending the Continental Commitment 30 years early: Margaret Thatcher's first eighteen months in power and the failed attempt to create a maritime-based defence strategy'.

Andrea Ciampan, The Graduate Institute Geneva, 'The Faltering Special Relationship: The Myth of Maggie and Ron and Anglo-American Relations in the 1980s'.

## **Panel F**

Stuart Butler, University of Manchester, 'Obsessed with the commercial aspect of things: British Approaches to European Science and Technology'.

Christopher Deal, King's College London, 'The BBC Monitoring Service and Cold War Radio'.

Ofer Fridman, University of Reading, 'The Power of Social Media: Waging the War of Ideas in the Era of the Internet'.

## ***Fifth Panel Session - Saturday 7 September - 11.15-12.45***

### **Panel A**

Cornelis Heere, London School of Economics, 'Open Door? The British Presence in China and the Impact of the Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905'.

Antony Best, London School of Economics, 'British Intelligence and the Japanese Intervention in Siberia, 1917-1925'.

Douglas Ford, University of Birmingham, 'Strategic Culture and War preparations against Japan, 1919-1941: The Experience of the United States Navy and the Royal Navy'.

### **Panel B**

Neil Fleming, University of Worcester, 'Britannia's Strategic Dilemma: Iraq, India and the Shaping of British Disarmament Policy, c. 1932-1934'.

David Whittington, University of the West of England Bristol, 'Leo Amery, India and the Problems of Imperial Management from London, 1940-1945'.

George Peden, University of Stirling, 'International Relations Theory and British External Policy in the 1930s'.

### **Panel C**

Seung-young Kim, University of Sheffield, 'George F. Kennan and the Decisions towards Korea, 1950-1953'.

Tracy Steele, Sam Houston State University, 'Only so far: Sino-British Rapprochement, 1954'.

Dean Kotlowski, Salisbury University Maryland, 'Uneasy Allies: The Nixon Administration, Ferdinand Marcos and United States-Philippines relations, 1969-1974'.

## **Panel D**

Geoff Roberts, University College Cork, 'Stalin's Postwar Peace Movement Reappraised: The Struggle for Peace and the Transformation of Soviet Foreign Policy, 1948-1956'.

Vladimir Dobrenko, London School of Economics, 'Institution of Peace: The Soviet Peace Council in the Early Cold War'.

Katie Griffiths, University of Keele, 'Exploring British action towards the perceived threat of Communism in the Domestic Sphere between 1945 and 1956'.

## **Panel E**

Christopher Casey, University of California at Berkeley, 'Soil or Blood: Nationality, Sovereignty and the International Legal Order at the League of Nations Codification Conference'.

David Varey, Royal Military College of Canada, 'Sir Allen Leeper, the World Disarmament Conference and the Question of German Air Power, 1932-1934'.

Chikara Hashimoto, Aberystwyth University, 'International Security Cooperation in the Middle East: Intelligence Liaison, Counter-Subversion and the question of the Kurds under the 'unknown alliance', 1956-1963'.

## **Timetable**

### **Thursday, 5 September**

1430 onwards - Arrival at West of England University, report to reception

17.15 Round Table

1830 Wine Reception

1900 Keynote Lecture

2015 Dinner

### **Friday, 6 September**

0800-0900 Breakfast

0915-1045 First Panel Session

1045-1115 Coffee

1115-1245 Second Panel Session

1245-1345 Lunch

1400-16-00 Plenary Session

1600-1630 Tea

1630-1730 BIHG AGM

1800 Bus Departs for *SS Great Britain*

1845 Keynote Lecture

1945 Wine Reception

2030 Conference Dinner

## Saturday, 7 September

0800-0900 Breakfast

1115-1245 Fifth Panel Session

0915-1045 Fourth Panel Session

1245 Lunch

1045-1115 Coffee

## General Information

### Accommodation and Sessions

The conference will be held on the [St Matthias Campus](#) of the University of the West of England Bristol. Sessions will be held entirely within the Main Building of the campus and the Keynote Lecture on Thursday evening will be held in the Chapel Lecture Theatre. Lunch on both days and inter-session refreshments will be served in the Traders Refectory on the St Matthias Campus. Dinner on Thursday evening will also be served in the Traders Refectory. The Keynote Lecture on Friday evening will be held at the *SS Great Britain* complex on the Bristol harbourside. The Conference Dinner will take place on board the *SS Great Britain* itself, in the First Class Dining Saloon.

Accommodation is available on the St Matthias Campus where seventy en-suite study bedrooms have been reserved. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

### Registration

Registration will take place at Reception in the link between the Traders Refectory and the Chapel Lecture Theatre from 14.30 to 18.00 on Thursday 5 September 2013. Delegates will receive full documentation on registration.

### Conference Fees and Charges

Fees and charges will be: Conference Fee which is payable by all delegates except for postgraduate students presenting papers; Full Conference Meal Package or individual meal requirements. See booking form.

Please indicate your requirements on the booking form and return to: Professor Glyn Stone, BIHG Secretary, Department of Arts, University of the West of England Bristol, St Matthias Campus, Oldbury Court Road, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 2JP.

Payment can be made as follows:

- Cheque payable to **British International History Group** direct to Professor Stone
- Bank [BACS] transfer
- Prior invoice from the BIHG

If a booking receipt is required you should contact [Glyn.Stone@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Glyn.Stone@uwe.ac.uk)

### Travelling by air

There is one local airport: [Bristol International Airport](#)

The nearest alternative airport is at [Cardiff](#)



### **Travelling by train**

There are two main stations in Bristol: [Bristol Temple Meads](#) and [Bristol Parkway](#). The St Matthias Campus is equidistant between the two stations. Bristol has direct rail links to London, Reading (for Heathrow) and Cardiff as well as cross country to Birmingham, the North and Scotland.

### **Local Transport**

There are regular bus services from both stations and also the Bristol Bus Station which is close to the centre of Bristol and the terminus for National Express buses from all over the country.

### **Taxi**

Approximate cost of single journey to the St Matthias Campus from both railway stations and the bus station is £8.00.

### **Car parking**

There is plenty of car parking at the St Matthias Campus.

### **Things to do and see**

[Bristol Tourist Information](#)