

Politics Before Democracy

Draft Programme

Wednesday 19 April

9:30 Welcome

9:45-11:30

Panel 1: Eighteenth-Century Political Participation and Electoral Culture

Part 1: ECPPEC Introduction

Part 2: Politics Without Democracy

Robin Eagles - "Committing to my trust your liberty, safety, property, and all those glorious privileges which are your birthright as Englishmen": John Wilkes's elections for Aylesbury c.1750–1761

Hillary Burlock - The Political Participation of Voters in Mock Elections

Elaine Chalus - '...the claims of the female world to due participation in matters of election': or, Why did George Canning claim he owed his electoral success in Liverpool to women?

11:30-12:00 Tea/Coffee

12:00-13:30

Panel 2: Political Cultures

Mari Takayanagi & Elizabeth Hallam Smith - Parliamentary Families and their Influence at Westminster

Alexandra Mayson – Aspects of authority, land and community through the lens of horse racing, 1830-1850

Helen Sunderland - Girls' high schools as political communities in late Victorian and Edwardian England

13:30 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15-16:00

Panel 3: The Practice of Politics

Richard Huzzey, Katrina Navickas, Mary O'Connor and Henry Miller – Practices of Politics before Democracy

Sarah Boote-Powell – Vestry Virgins? Reassessing Female Political Agency in Two Midland Boroughs in the 1830s

Patrick Duffy - Rossmore, reform and repeal: An Irish aristocratic Whig family, middle-class electoral politics, and the question of the union, 1830-35

Luke Blaxill - Electoral Violence in England and Wales, 1832-1910

16:00-16:30 Tea/Coffee

16:30-18:00 **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

Panel 4a: Foreign Policy

Thomas Otte - Traditions of British Foreign Policy

Toby Mings - An Unwanted Posting? The Appointment of George Hammond as Minister to the United States, 1791-95

Christian Melby - Democracy, military necessities, and the British constitution, from Crimea to 1914

OR

Panel 4b: Whigs and Radicals in the Eighteenth Century

David Cowan - Whiggery and Cambridge University under the Duke of Newcastle, 1748-1768

Callum Smith – Radical Socialites, or Sociable Radicals?: The Foxite Whigs, Visual Culture, and Electoral Sociability During the Westminster Elections

Anna Harrington – The House of Commons and Elections in William Wilberforce's Diaries

18:00-19:00 Drinks Reception

Thursday 20 April

9:00-10:45

Panel 5: Reform Politics

Kerry Love - Commodifying and Commemorating Democracy: Material Culture and the 1832 Reform Act

Dave Steele - The Reputational Power of the Crowd

Sarah Richardson – “To wring the widow from her customed right”: the debate about the ‘widow franchise’ in nineteenth-century Britain

Rob Saunders – ‘Democracy Has Come’: Rethinking the Third Reform Act, 1884-1885

10:45-11:00 Tea/Coffee

11:00 – 12:30

Panel 6: Liberals and Radicals in the Nineteenth Century

Simon Morgan – The Letters of Richard Cobden (1804-1865) Online: How the letters of a nineteenth-century statesman can inspire the citizens of tomorrow

Tony Howe - Cobden and Disraeli: from the Corn Laws to *Endymion*

Alex Windscheffel - The PM as MP: William Gladstone and Greenwich, 1868-1880

12:30 – 13:15 Lunch

13:15 – 14:45

Panel 7: Politics and Empire

Jon Parry - The third Earl Grey, Liberalism and Empire

Edward Ford - Empire, Nation and Representation in Australia's PR Debates, c.1890-1910

Erin Geraghty - Emmeline Pethick Lawrence and the ‘Irish Kiddies’: gendered and imperial notions of solidarity during the 1913 Dublin Lockout

14:45-15:00 Tea/Coffee

15:00-16:30

Panel 8: New Perspectives on Party and Parliament, 1832-68

Kathryn Rix - Backbenchers and the business of the Commons, 1832-68

Philip Salmon - Politics beyond party: the survival of non-party traditions in an ‘age of party’

Martin Spychal - Reappraising England's reformed electoral map, 1832-1868