

Organise! Organise! Organise! Collective Action, Associational Culture and the Politics of Organisation in Britain and Ireland, c.1790-1914

20-21 July 2023, Collingwood College Penthouse Conference Suite, Durham University

DAY ONE: THURSDAY 20 JULY

8.30AM – 9.15AM Registration (Lobby) and refreshments (Boardroom)

9.15AM – 10.30AM Keynote talk (Penthouse Suite Room A/B)

Professor Katrina Navickas (University of Hertfordshire): ‘Practical representation and battles over locality: the importance of place in British popular politics in the long nineteenth century’

10.30AM – 11AM Refreshments (Boardroom)

NB: During this break the Penthouse Suite will be split into rooms A and B for the panel sessions

11AM – 12.20PM Panel Session One

Panel 1.A (Room A) *Politics and emotions*

Nicholas Barone (Princeton University): “‘The indifference is the deadweight of history’”: Apathy and British Radical Politics, 1790-1840’

Professor Matthew Roberts (Sheffield Hallam University): ‘Cobden, Peel, the Anti-Corn Law League and the Politics of Feeling in Mid-Victorian England’

Dr Laura C. Forster (Manchester University): ‘The political lecture tour in nineteenth-century Britain: activism, hospitality and intimacy on the road’

Panel 1.B (Room B) *Politics of land*

Dr Lowri Ann Rees (Bangor University): ‘Protesting paternalism: the Rebecca Riots as a political protest movement in south-west Wales’

Dr Brian Casey (Durham University): ‘Michael Davitt’s second tour of the Scottish Highlands, 1887’

Dr Andrew Phemister (Newcastle University): “‘A usurpation of the functions of government’”: Boycotting, democracy and the state’

12.20PM – 1PM Lunch (Boardroom)

1PM – 2.20PM Panel Session Two

Panel 2.A (Room A) *Politics in Ireland*

Patrick Duffy (Trinity College Dublin): “‘The gap of the north’”: territorial rhetoric, identity and a frontier mentality in south Ulster, 1828-35’

Professor Peter Gray (Queen’s University Belfast): ‘Radicalism and its discontents in early-Victorian Belfast: The Ulster Constitutional Association, 1840-41’

Dr Colin Reid (Sheffield University): ‘Crisis management: the world of Irish Toryism during the 1830s and 1840s’

Panel 2.B (Room B) *Politics in the age of reform*

Dr Philip Salmon (History of Parliament): ‘Marrying for the vote: the political organisation of marriage in the UK’s freeman boroughs, 1800-1840’

Professor Richard Huzzey (Durham University), with *Dr Kathryn Rix* (History of Parliament): ‘Exclusive dealing and the politics of organisation in the age of reform’

Dr Martin Spychal (History of Parliament): “‘she, yes she was the only member of Parliament’”: Harriet Grote and the organisation of radicalism, 1832-41’

2.20PM – 2.45PM Refreshments (Boardroom)

2.45PM – 4.05PM Panel session 3

Panel 3.A (Room A) *Four nations politics*

Dr Kyle Thompson (Pittsburg State University): ‘The Young Scots Society and Gladstone’ (Online)

Dr Shaun Evans (Bangor University): ‘Landowners against land reform: the aims and activities of the North Wales Property Defence Association, c.1886-96’

Dr Niall Whelehan (University of Strathclyde): ‘Land, Rent and Irish Migrant Activism in late-nineteenth century Britain’

Panel 3.B (Room B) *Inside and out of parliament*

James Peate (Bristol University): ‘Friends of the People? Populism, Loyalism and Reform in the 1790s’

Sarah Boote-Powell (Warwick University): “‘The sinews bag unstrung’”: the organisation and practice of electoral registration in local politics in Coventry and Leicester, 1832-41’

Tom Musgrove (Queen Mary, University of London): ‘Representing the Balkans: “Expert” Image-Making and the Balkan Committee, 1903-1914’

4.05PM – 4.25PM Refreshments (Boardroom)

DAY ONE 4.25PM – 5.45PM Panel session 4

Panel 4.A (Room A) *Knowledge and morality*

Josh Smith (University of Stirling): “‘Friends to the diffusion of knowledge’”: The Associational Politics and Patronage of the British Subscription Library, 1800-1832’ (Online)

George Palmer (University of Cambridge): ‘Tory Faddism? The Church of England Temperance Society and the Politics of Conservative Morality in the Late Nineteenth Century’

Olly Gough (University of Oxford): ‘History, Voluntary Association and the State in British Political Thought, 1870-1914’

Panel 4.B (Room B) *Political writing*

Dr Marion Loeffler (Cardiff University): ‘Dissenters, Poets and Dangerous Translations: Undercover Radicals in 1790s Wales’

Dr Vic Clarke (Durham University): ‘Advertising Radicalism: Identity and Collective Branding in the Chartist Press’

Dr Martin Wright (Cardiff University): ‘Print Culture, Language and Radical Networks in Welsh Socialism before the Great War’

5.45PM-6.45PM Drinks reception (Boardroom)

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7PM – conference dinner (location TBC)

DAY TWO: FRIDAY 21 JULY

8.30AM – 9AM Registration (Lobby) and refreshments (Boardroom)

9AM – 10.20AM Panel session 5 (Penthouse Suite Room A/B)

Visual and material cultures

Dr Henry Miller (Durham University): ‘Petitions and the material culture of political organisation’

Dr Chloe Ward (Queen Mary, University of London): ‘Art and Action: Victorian Painting as a Call to Arms’

Professor James Thompson (University of Bristol): ‘The visual culture of demonstrations, c. 1880-1914’

10.20AM – 10.50AM Refreshments (Boardroom)

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10.50AM – 12.10PM Panel session 6

Panel 6.A (Room A) *Regional politics*

Professor Simon Morgan (Leeds Beckett University): “‘The mainspring of the movement’”: Richard Cobden’s letters and the regional organisation of the Anti-Corn Law League’

Dr Kathryn Rix (History of Parliament): ‘Between the centre and the constituencies: regional party organisation in England in the wake of the Third Reform Act’

Professor Ewen Cameron (University of Edinburgh): ‘Joe Duncan and the challenge of Labour organisation and activism in the east of Scotland, 1906 to 1914’

Panel 6.B (Room B) *Suffragette politics*

Dr Mari Takayanagi (Parliamentary Archives): ‘Suffragette activism in the Palace of Westminster’

Dr Erin Geraghty (University of the West of England): “‘It is not nationality, but personality that counts’”: English suffragists in the Irish suffrage movement’

Dr Kate Connelly (New York University, London): ‘...And Whose Army?’

DAY TWO 12.10PM – 12.50PM Lunch (Boardroom)

12.50PM – 2.10PM Panel session 7

Panel 7.A (Room A) *Politics of space*

Mary O’Connor (University of Oxford): ‘Forum Selection in the Anti-Corn Law Campaign of the 1820s’

Dave Steel (Warwick University): ‘The Power of the Crowd’

Dr Caitlin Kitchener (York University): 'Political Palimpsests: How landscape, memory, and heritage organised mass platform meetings in early nineteenth radicalism'

Panel 7.B (Room B) *Politics of association*

Dr Francis Calvert Boorman (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies): 'Independence or interference?: Arbitration and working-class associational culture in nineteenth-century England'

Dr Dan Weinbren (Open University): 'Friendly societies and the performance of fraternal democracy'

Professor Graeme Morton (University of Dundee): 'Politicising Middle-Class Associational Culture in a Stateless Nation'

2.10PM – 2.25PM Refreshments

2.25PM – 3.45PM Panel session 8

Panel 8.A (Room A) *Women in politics*

Dr Ciara Stewart (National Library of Ireland): "'The Tyrannous and Immoral Law" Petitioning Against the Contagious Diseases Acts in Britain and Ireland: A Comparative Perspective'

Natasha Booth-Johnson (University of Birmingham): 'Isabella Ford and the Dream of a Lesbian Utopia'

Dr Helen Sunderland (University of Oxford): 'Schoolgirl electioneering: mock elections and political culture in girls' schools in Edwardian England'

Panel 8.B (Room B) *Politics of empire*

Isaiab Silvers (Durham University): 'Voluntarism and political conflict in Barbados, 1807-1834'

Dr Tom Scriven (Oxford Brookes University): 'Transatlantic democracy and the Chartist positions on slavery and abolition, 1838-1856'

Professor Andrea Major (University of Leeds): 'Political Activism, Colonial Philanthropy, and Spaces of Empire: George Thompson in Britain and India, 1838-43'

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