



British Intellectual Conservatism: Past and Present

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Venue:

Churchill College, Cambridge
Møller Institute, Lecture Theatre

Date:

Time: 6th and 7th of July, 2023.

Programme

Day One – 6th July

Registration/Welcome Refreshments 08.30 – 08.55

Panel 1: Conservatism Today - 9am – 10.30 am.

Johnny Burtka (Intercollegiate Studies Institute): **Americanism, Conservatism, and One-Nation Conservatism**

Phillip Blond (ResPublica): **The Future of Conservatism**

Daniel Pitt (University of Sheffield): **Intellectual Conservatism Today**

Ferenc Hörcher (University of Public Service, Budapest): **Politics about**

Intellectual Conservatism today – the Case of Sir Roger Scruton

Chair: Kevin Hickson (University of Liverpool)

Tea Break – 10.30 – 10.45 am.

Panel 2: History of the Conservatives – 10.45 – 12.15 pm.

Luke Blaxill (University of Oxford): **'The Stupid Party': Historicising the development of anti 'anti-intellectualism' by opponents of Conservatism**

Sam Blaxland (University College London): **The Conservative Party and the 'Outer Fringes of the UK': Policymaking, adaption and the 'Celtic vote' since 1945**

Mark Garnett (Lancaster University): **What's in a name? The strange survival of the "Conservative Party" brand**

Thomas Prosser (Cardiff University): **A Burkean theory of institutional stability and change**

Chair: Stuart Ball (University of Leicester)

Keynote - 12.15 – 12.55 pm.

Vernon Bogdanor (King's College London): **A conservative society, a market economy and limited government. Are they compatible?**

Chair: Ferenc Hörcher (University of Public Service, Budapest)

Lunch – 1 – 2 pm.

Panel 3: Age of Churchill – 2.15 – 3.15 pm.

Stuart Ball (University of Leicester): **The 'New Conservatism' of the 1920s: the state, capitalism, democracy and the challenge of Socialism**

James Vitali (Policy Exchange): **Constructive Conservatism: the intellectual origins of the property owning democracy**

Chair: Allen Packwood (Director of the Churchill Centre)

Tea Break – 3.20 – 3.35 pm

Panel 4: Age of Thatcher – 3.35 – 5.05 pm.

Emily Stacy (Honorary Research Fellow at the Mile End Institute): **"I feel I have been accepted as a Leader in the International Sphere": Margaret Thatcher's Foreign Policy, 1975-79.**

Daniel Pitt (University of Sheffield): **Thatcher's Thoughts and the British Constitution: From their Lordships House to Statecraft**

Kevin Hickson (University of Liverpool): **Traditional Toryism - For and Against Thatcherism**

Lord (David) Frost (House of Lords): **What lessons does the Age of Thatcher offer to modern Conservatives?**

Chair: Max Skjönsberg (University of Cambridge)

Keynote – 5.05 – 5.50 pm.

Danny Kruger MP: **Post-liberal Conservative a Perspective from Parliament**

Chair: Phillip Blond (ResPublica)

Close – 6.00 pm

Day Two – 7th July

Registration/Welcome Refreshments 08.30 – 08.55

Keynote – 9 – 9.40am

Professor Lord Norton of Louth (University of Hull and the House of Lords):

Conservatism and Conservative Success

Chair: Daniel Pitt (University of Sheffield)

Panel 5: LSE Right – 9.40 – 10.55 am.

Ojel Rodriguez Burgos (University of St Andrews): **The LSE Right, Thatcherism and the Future of the Conservative Party**

Robert Grant (University of Glasgow): **Salisbury, LSE, Oakeshott, Scruton: Implications for Policy**

Christopher Fear (University of Hull): **Michael Oakeshott: Civil Association and Conservatism**

Anthony Mullen (University of Bolton): **T.S. Eliot and the Conservative Imagination**

Chair: Zeena Mistry (University of Hull)

Tea Break 10.55 -11.05 am.

Panel 6: Peterhouse Right – 11.05 – 12.45 pm.

Ferenc Hörcher (University of Public Service, Budapest): **Scruton and Watkin – an unappreciated influence**

Daniel McCarthy (Modern Age and Intercollegiate Studies Institute): **Maurice Cowling and Willmoore Kendall Against J.S. Mill's Tyranny of Feeling**

Bracy Bersnak (Christendom College): **The Conservative Sensibility of Evelyn Waugh**

Anthony O'Hear (University of Buckingham): **Peterhouse Culture: Three Voices**

Chair: Imogen Sinclair (St Mary's University, Twickenham)

Lunch: 12.45 – 1.45 pm

Panel 7: Free Speech and Conservatism – 2 – 3.15 pm.

Matt Beech (University of Hull): **Free Speech, Marxism, and the Culture War**

David Jeffery (University of Liverpool): **Free Speech for Conservatives in UK Academia: Fact or Fiction?**

Zeena Mistry (University of Hull): **Explore how being dual heritage and conservative fit into the tradition of conservatism: a British Indian perspective.**

Chair: Thomas Prosser (Cardiff University)

Tea Break 3.10 - 3.30pm.

Panel 8: Political Theology and Conservatism – 3.30 – 4.45 pm.

Ryan Haecker (PhD from Cambridge): **God Save the Sleeping King:**

Translatio Imperii from Waterloo to Brexit

Sebastian Morello (University of Buckingham): **Conservatism and Grace: Is a secular society possible?**

Imogen Sinclair (St Mary's University, Twickenham): **The State and the Soul: pre-political sources of social order**

Chair: Matt Beech (University of Hull)

Keynote – 4.50 – 5.35 pm.

Phillip Blond (ResPublica)

Chair: Johnny Burtka (Intercollegiate Studies Institute)

Thanks, and goodbye.

Close – 6pm