

European Democracies: Origins, Evolutions, Challenges – A Workshop in Memory of Peter Blicke

Friday-Saturday 23-24 March 2018, German Historical Institute, London

Friday 1.30

- Andreas Gestrich, 'Welcome'
- Beat Kümin (Warwick), 'Introduction'

2-3.15 Keynote Address

- Wim Blockmans, 'European democracies'

[Tea] [Session papers are 20 mins in length, followed by 10 mins of discussion]

3.45 – 5.15 pm: Session 1 – 'Communalism Revisited'

- Claudia Ulbrich (Berlin), 'Communalism as a research category between social history and political thought'
- Daniel Schläppi (Bern), 'Collective action beyond Communalism? Fundamental principles and figurations of historical Commons'
- Wolfgang Behringer (Saarbrücken), 'Bürgerinitiativen zur Hexenverfolgung. Gedanken zur Nachtseite des Kommunalismus'

5.30 – 6.30 pm: Session 2 – 'Early Modern Rule and Resistance'

- Johannes Dillinger (Oxford Brookes) – 'Communities and government in colonial Massachusetts'
- Henry Cohn (Warwick Emeritus Reader), 'The crowd in the German Peasants' War'

[Opportunity for a more general 'early modern' discussion, followed by Workshop Dinner]

Saturday 9.30-10.30 am: Session 3 – 'Urban Political Bodies'

- Daniel Hinchey (Edinburgh), 'The operation of the Bristol Common Council during the Civil War 1642-1645'
- Mary O'Connor (Oxford), 'A legitimate political forum: Shoreditch parish vestry in the early nineteenth century'

[Coffee]

11.00-12.00 pm: Session 4 – 'People & Politics in Modern Europe'

- Charlie Chih-Hao Lee (Cambridge), 'Elites and the Democratic Movement: the case of the Workers' Educational Association, c. 1919-39'
- Harm Kaal (Radboud University), 'The voice of the people: Mapping a repertoire of postwar popular political engagement, 1945 – 1970s'

12.15-1.30 pm: Final (Panel) Discussion

[Lunch?]