

**MIGRATION,
CITIZENSHIP AND
WELFARE IN
BRITISH HISTORY**

Immigration and the entitlement of migrants to citizenship and welfare are among the most contentious political topics in present-day Britain. The GHIL seminar series will put this debate into historical perspective. It consists of four lectures delivered by distinguished British experts in the field, who will analyse public and intellectual discourse, practices, cultures, and frameworks, as well as mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion. By pursuing these themes from medieval to contemporary Britain, the lecture series will examine how the debate surrounding immigration in Britain has evolved over the centuries.

16 May

Andrew Thompson (Exeter)

The Making of Multiculturalism: Post-War Immigration in Britain and France, and the Global Dynamics of Decolonization

Decolonization set in train a series of large-scale population flows, equivalent or greater in scale to those witnessed today. Among the new mobilities that marked the end of empire was the reverse flow of subjects from nearly and newly independent colonies to the cities of Europe. Highly charged political debates about restrictive immigration legislation, the welfare of migrants, and social inclusion and cohesion rapidly followed. This lecture will explore the experience of post-war Britain, with particular reference to the politically fraught and at times explosive issue of housing, and will draw explicit comparisons with the parallel experiences of France. It will show how many of the debates

surrounding immigration today were anticipated, if not prefigured, from the 1950s to the 1970s, when an explicit discourse of race relations first emerged.

Andrew Thompson is Professor of Modern History at the University of Exeter and Chief Executive of the AHRC. In his research, he explores the effects of empire on British private and public life during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, transnational migrations, and migrant remittances. His books include *Imperial Britain: The Empire in British Politics, c.1880–1932* (2000), and *Empire and Globalisation? Networks of People, Goods and Capital in the British World, c.1850–1914* (2010).

13 June 2017

W. Mark Ormrod (York)

England's Immigrants, 1330–1550: Defining the Rights of Aliens in Later Medieval England

Over the course of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the English state began to scrutinize more closely aliens living within its bounds, not least with a view to taxing them more heavily than their English-born counterparts. At the same time, it began to experiment with measures that allowed such aliens the medieval equivalent of national citizenship, known as denization. The lecture will examine the various motivations of the state and of immigrants during this formative period in English naturalization laws.

W. Mark Ormrod is Professor of History and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of York. He is the author of many books and articles on later medieval English history, including the Yale University Press

'English Monarchs' volume on *Edward III* (2011). His recent project on immigration to England in the later Middle Ages has generated the major online database, 'England's Immigrants, 1330–1550': <https://www.englishimmigrants.com>.

20 June 2017

William O'Reilly (Cambridge)

Strangers, Subjects, Citizens: Changing Attitudes to Immigrants in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century England

This lecture will consider the debates surrounding immigration to England in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and reflects on why at that time a discernible change occurred in how migrants were treated. It will examine emerging ideas of a 'British' Protestant identity and the ever-changing relationship with continental Europe, and reflect on changing ideas of Englishness and on popular and public attitudes to foreign workers in England. A rhetoric of 'suitability' for English society meant that many foreigners were denied charity and employment, and were directed away from England's shores.

William O'Reilly is Associate Director of the Centre for History and Economics and Senior Lecturer in Early Modern History at the University of Cambridge. He is the author of *The Atlantic World, 1450–1800* (2014) and *Selling Souls: The Traffic in German Migrants, Habsburg Europe and America, 1648–1780* (forthcoming 2017). He is currently writing a biography of the Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI (1685–1740).