

Programme: **Rethinking Right-Wing Women**

Weston Library, Bodleian, Oxford

Organisers: Julie V. Gottlieb, Clarisse Berthezène, and Jeremy McIlwaine

Day One, Monday 29 June, 2015

9.30-10.00: Julie Gottlieb, Clarisse Berthezène, and Jeremy McIlwaine,

Welcome and Introduction

10.00-11.00 (Lecture Theatre, Plenary):

Chair: Clarisse Berthezène

Diane Urquhart, *Irish women and unionism, 1880-1914*

David Thackeray, *At the heart of the party? The women's Conservative organisation in the age of partial suffrage, 1914-1928*

11.00 coffee break

11.20-12.20 (Lecture Theatre, Plenary):

Chair: Stuart Ball

June Purvis, *Christabel Pankhurst (1880-1958) – a Conservative suffragette?*

Matthew C. Hendley *'From Crucial Female Auxiliaries to Superfluous Women?': The Primrose League and its Struggle for Survival, 1914-1932.*

12.25-1.25 (Lecture Theatre, Plenary):

Chair: David Thackeray

Julie Gottlieb, *Conservatism, Feminism and Models of Women's Leadership in Inter-war Britain*

Clarisse Berthezène, *Women's Voluntarism, Conservative politics and representations of womanhood*

1.30-2.30 Lunch outside the lecture theatre

2.30-4.00 (Lecture Theatre, Plenary):

Chair: Martin Conway

Richard Toyne, *Churchill, women, and the politics of gender*

Adrian Bingham, *Conservatism, gender and the politics of everyday life, 1950s-1980s*

Krista Cowman, *Margaret Thatcher before Thatcherism*

4.00 coffee break

4.20-5.20 (Lecture Theatre, Plenary):

Chair: Rosie Campbell

Laura Beers, *Feminist responses to Thatcher and Thatcherism*

Sarah Childs, *The (Feminised) Contemporary Conservative Party*

5.30-6.30 (Lecture Theatre):

Chair: Sarah Childs

Keynote Baroness Anne Jenkin, of Women2Win, "Reflections: looking back over the first ten years (and forward to the next ten)"

7.00 Book Launch with wine reception for Clarisse Berthezene @Quod

8.00 Conference Dinner@ Quod

(Payment must be made in advance: method of payment: PayPal / Card link via website)

Day Two, Tuesday 30 June, 2015

9.45-11.05: Parallel Sessions (6 papers)

Session (a) Biographical Perspectives on Women's Conservative Activism, Pre-1945

Chair: Krista Cowman

John Black, *The Enigmatic Duchess: Katherine Marjory Stewart Murray*

Gary Love, *Bringing the Conservative Party to Heel: Dorothy Crisp's journalism and the limits of right-wing women's political participation, c. 1927-1945*

Jacqui Turner, *Nancy Astor and the question of a right wing female space*

Session (b) Thinking about Thatcher and Thatcherism

Chair: Gillian Peele

Jessica Rowan, "This Woman is Not Our Sister": A Case Study of Margaret Thatcher and the Women's Movement in Sheffield

Matthew Bailey, 'One tin of mackerel...One pound of icing sugar': Mrs Thatcher's larder and the politics of the 1975 Conservative Leadership election

Jessica Prestidge, *Thatcher as housewife: an image of the ordinary woman?*

11.05-11.25 coffee break

11.25-12.45: Parallel Sessions (6 papers)

Session (a) Gendering Conservatism

Chair: Richard Toye

Neil Fleming, *Women and Lancashire Conservatism between the wars*

Akanksha Mehta, *'The Reflexivity of Discomfort': "The Ethics, Methodological, Approaches, and 'Difficult' Narratives in Feminist Research*

Madge Dresser, *Lady Apsley Revisited*

Session (b) Race, Gender and Sexuality in Conservative Politics

Chair: Adrian Bingham

Stephane Porion, *Diana Spearman's great role and influence within the post-war Conservative Party*

Matthew Francis, *Stepping Stones and 'Sari Parties': The Conservative Party and BAME Women, 1976-86*

Orlanda Ward, *Framing Conservative BAME Women at the 2010 General Election*

12:45-2.00 Lunch at Old Bodleian

2.00-3.20: (3 papers) Conservative Women in Comparative and Transnational Perspectives

Chair: Julie Gottlieb

Matthew Stibbe, *Peace at any Price? Conservative women in Britain in the late 1930s and the Anglo-German Fellowship*

Judith Sapor, *Right-wing women and the politics of gender in Hungary in the aftermath of WWI and after 1989*

Elena Musiani, *Conservative women in Italian society and policy 1880s-1980s*

3:30-3.45: coffee break

3.45-4.35: Parallel Meetings

Session (a) Brainstorming about funding prospects and moving the project forward

Session (b) Future Publication plans: Beyond the Book. This session is intended for those who would like to collaborate on a special issue or the like to emerge from this conference.

4.35-5.35 Roundtable: *Conserving Conservative Women* (Lecture Theatre) chaired by Prof. Stuart Ball, Jeremy McIlwaine, and Stephen Parkinson

5.40-6.40: Keynote, Rosie Campbell, *Whatever happened to Worcester woman? Conservative women voters 1945-2015*

Chair: Richard Hayton

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