

Two Centuries of Peacemaking: From the Peace Society to Martin Luther King

Newcastle upon Tyne, 7–8 June 2016

Tuesday, 7 June

09:30 – 10:00 Registration and coffee [Foyer, Percy Building]

10:00 – 11:15 Plenary I: Martin Ceadel (University of Oxford) – ‘The Peace Society in retrospect’ [chaired by Daniel Laqua; room G.05, Percy Building]

11:15 – 11:45 Refreshments

11:45 – 13:15 Panel sessions A

A CENTURY OF TRANSNATIONAL PEACE ACTIVISM, 1820s TO 1930s [chaired by Charlotte Alston; room G.09, Percy Building]

- **Michael Clinton** (Gwynedd Mercy University) – Making friends of peace: exchanges between British and French peace advocates during the nineteenth century
- **Daniel Laqua** (Northumbria University) – The transnational trajectories of Leopold Katscher
- **Sarah Hellawell** (Northumbria University) – The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) and transnational campaigning in the 1920 and 1930s

RETHINKING KING [chaired by Brian Ward; room G.10, Percy Building]

- **Simon Hall** (Leeds University) – 1956: the year that made Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Peter Ling** (Nottingham University) – King’s performance of Gandhian nonviolence
- **Jake Hodder** (Nottingham University) – American pacifists and the political construction of Kingji

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch [Foyer, Percy Building]

14:30 – 16:30 Panel sessions B

THE PEACE SOCIETY [chaired by Martin Ceadel; room G.09, Percy Building]

- **Ben Houston, Nick Megoran and Matthew Scott** (Newcastle University) – The Newcastle Upon-Tyne Auxiliary Peace Society, c. 1817–1850
- **David Saunders** (Newcastle University) – Pacifism in North-East England, 1816–1914
- **Keith Edghill** (UCL) – Early nineteenth-century Christian pacifists and the concept of defensive war
- **Richard Allen** (University of South Wales) – ‘The disgrace of a Christian society’ (William Wilberforce): *The Herald Of Peace* and its reports on duelling in the 1820s

NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE STUDY OF NONVIOLENCE [chaired by David Cortright; room G.10, Percy Building]

- **Sherrill W. Hayes** (Kennesaw State University) – ‘Peacejacking’ and social policy: a case study of Martin Luther King and the Fair Housing Act of 1968
- **Maia Hallward** (Kennesaw State University) – Exploring the tensions and contradictions of nonviolence: the case of academic boycott
- **Andreas Hackl** (Edinburgh University) – Civility and resistance: debating the case of Palestinians in Tel Aviv
- **Roberto Baldoli** (Exeter University) – Reconsidering nonviolence: a revolutionary ideology for freedom and plurality

17:15 – 18:30 Peace fair with stalls by 14 groups and initiatives as well refreshments, snacks and music [introduced by Jon Coburn; Great Hall, Sutherland Building]

18:30 – 20:00 Plenary II / public lecture: Kate Hudson (CND) – ‘Peace activism in twentieth-century Britain’ [chaired by Nick Megoran; Great Hall, Sutherland Building]

Wednesday, 8 June

09:00 – 09:30 Registration and coffee [Foyer, Percy Building]

09:30 – 10:45 Plenary III: Thomas F. Jackson (University of North Carolina at Greensboro) – ‘Chicago to Newcastle: jangling discords of Martin Luther King's nonviolent strategy in November 1967’ [chaired by Ben Houston; room G.05, Percy Building]

10:45 – 11:15 Refreshments [Foyer, Percy Building]

11:15 – 12:45 Panel sessions C

PEACE ACTIVISM AND THE GREAT WAR [chaired by Ingrid Sharp; room G.09, Percy Building]

- **Sabine Grimshaw** (Leeds University) – ‘The greatest joy of our lives’: conscientious objectors and the experience of imprisonment
- **Matt Perry** (Newcastle University) – The Black Sea Mutinies: war, peace and revolution in mutineer subjectivity
- **André Keil** (Durham University) – Civil liberties and peace activism during the Great War: the Bund Neues Vaterland and the Union of Democratic Control

CRITIQUING RACE, EMPIRE AND IMPERIALISM [chaired by Thomas F. Jackson; room G.10, Percy Building]

- **Christian Høgsbjerg** (UCL) – ‘Peace and Empire are irreconcilable’: C.L.R. James, Pan-Africanism and peacemaking in the Age of Extremes
- **Ellen Crabtree** (Newcastle University) – Books for Vietnam: French academic activism during the Vietnam War
- Discussant: **Joe Street** (Northumbria University)

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch [Foyer, Percy Building]

13:45 – 15:15 Panel sessions D

WOMEN AND INTERNATIONALISM [chaired by Joan Allen; room G.09, Percy Building]

- **Laurie Cohen** (Universität Innsbruck) and **Helen Kay** (independent researcher) – Connected enemies: German and British peace women communications during World War One
- **Ingrid Sharp** (Leeds University) – An unbroken family? Restoring the international community of women after World War I
- **Laura Beers** (Birmingham University) – Liberal and socialist collaboration in the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom

THINKING ABOUT PEACE AND WAR SINCE 1945 [chaired by Simon Hall; room G.10, Percy Building]

- **Tom Bishop** (Nottingham University) – Fallout shelter salesmen and consumer protest during the Nuclear Age
- **Jon Coburn** (Northumbria University) – And the beat goes on: past, present and future in a peace activist’s memoirs
- **Christoph Laucht** (Swansea University) – Hiroshima, Nagasaki and transnational medical activism against nuclear weapons in Britain, West Germany and the United States during the 1980s

15:15 – 16:30 Plenary IV: David Cortright (University of Notre Dame) – ‘Peace: the past, present and future of an idea and a movement’ [chaired by Sarah Hellawell; room G.05, Percy Building]

16:45 Commemorative act to mark the bicentenary of the Peace Society’s foundation [Renwick War Memorial, Barras Bridge]