

**Parliaments and Popular Sovereignty:  
Political Representation in the British world, 1640-1886**

3-4 November 2017

Programme

**Friday 3 November 2017**

Coal Store, People's History Museum

- 10.00 Registration and tea/coffee
- 10.30 Welcome from Paul Seaward, History of Parliament Trust
- 10.40 **Session 1: 'Interests, opinions, and parliamentary petitions'**  
*Chair: Paul Seaward*
- Philip Loft (Wolfson College Cambridge), *Representing the public interest, not the public will: petitions to the Westminster parliament, 1689-1760*
  - Richard Huzzey & Henry Miller (Durham University), *The Rise and Fall of Petitions to the House of Commons, 1780-1918*
  - Robert Poole, (University of Central Lancashire), *The Representation of the People: England 1816-1819*
  - Paula Dumas, (University of Glasgow), *Who is deserving of representation? Legitimate petitioning and the slavery question in Parliament*
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.30 **Session 2: 'Pressure from without'**  
*Chair: Karin Bowie*
- James Walters, (University of Hull and Huddersfield), *Covenants and Sovereignty: The Relationship between Religious Oaths and Bonds and Popular Consent after 1660*
  - Robin Eagles, (History of Parliament Trust), *'Got together in a tumultuous and riotous manner': crowds and the palace of Westminster c.1700-1800*
  - Ciara Stewart, (Durham University), *Petitioning against the Contagious Diseases Acts in Britain and Ireland: a comparative perspective*
- 3.00 Tea
- 3.20 **Session 3: The rhetoric and theory of popular sovereignty**  
*Chair: Amanda Goodrich*
- Philip Salmon (History of Parliament Trust), *Spectators or participants? The role of the unenfranchised in British elections, 1800-1868*
  - Martin Spychal (History of Parliament Trust), *A balancing Act? The language of interests, representation and parliamentary reform, 1815-1832*
  - Mark Bennett (Durham University), *'Men must be educated to freedom': Yorkshire views of popular sovereignty, 1859-1867*
- 4.45 Brief break

- 5.00           **Keynote: Dr Katrina Navickas (Hertfordshire)**  
*Why political history still matters: representation of the people from the Bill of Rights to the Third Reform Act*  
 Chair: Henry Miller
- 6.30           Close
- 7.00           Dinner at local restaurant  
*Please indicate interest when booking. The conference dinner is not covered by the registration fee*

**Saturday 4 November 2017**

*Coal Store, People's History Museum*

- 10.00           **Session 4 'Radicals, Repealers, and Popular Sovereignty'**  
 Chair: Philip Salmon  
 - Amanda Goodrich, (Open University), *Rethinking "English" radicalism and Popular Sovereignty in the 1790s*  
 - Kieran Hazzard (KCL), *The Radical Raj: British Radicals and India, 1818-1833*  
 - Matthew Roberts (Sheffield Hallam University), *Daniel O'Connell, Repeal and Parliamentary Reform*
- 11.20           Tea
- 11.40           **Session 5 'Union, Nation, and Sovereignty'**  
 Chair: Kathryn Rix  
 - Karin Bowie (University of Glasgow), *Popular Sovereignty in the Scottish Union Debates (1706-07)*  
 - Colin Reid (University of Sheffield), *Political suicide: revisiting the 'death' of the Irish parliament, c.1798-1801*  
 - Gary Hutchison (University of Edinburgh), *Disraeli's Dismal Banquet: The Scottish Reform Act of 1868 and Territorial Dynamics*
- 1.00pm          Lunch
- 1.45pm          **Session 6 'Public opinion & parliamentary responsiveness'**  
 Chair: Katrina Navickas  
 - James Riordan (University of Durham), *Representative or Delegate? Popular responses to the role of a Member of Parliament during the Whig Oligarchy, 1714-1760*  
 - Max Skjönsberg (LSE), *Popular versus Parliamentary Sovereignty, Ancient Constitutionalism, and Democratic Accountability in the Septennial Bill Debates (1716)*  
 - Nicholas Dixon (Pembroke College, Cambridge), *English Bishops in the House of Lords and Popular Opinion, 1820-1834*  
 - Rebekah Moore (Institute of Historical Research), *Designing a Reformed parliament: public access and the public sphere in the House of Commons*
- 3.30           Close