

Rethinking the past and present of liberal internationalism
International Conference
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Conference Programme

Thursday 11 May

Location: City, University of London,

Venue: Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre (C101)

9:00-9:30 Welcome and Introductions

9:30 - 11:00 Panel 1: Liberal Internationalism in Theory

Chair: Madura Rasaratnam

Discussant: Sasikumar Sundaram

Christopher Ankersen (New York University): Humanity: The “Strategic Ontology” at the Heart of Liberal Internationalism

Theo Christov (George Washington University): Who is the “Self” in “Self-Determination”?

Ian Hurd (Northwestern University): What was Liberal Internationalism?

Laura Kotzur and Mariam Salehi (Free University, Berlin): Mapping the Genealogy of Transformative Justice

11:00- 11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 Panel 2: Empire, Liberty, and Internationalism: Nineteenth-Century Stories

Chair: Leonie Fleischmann

Discussant: Giuseppe Grieco

Talitha Ilacqua (Yale University): Santorre di Santa Rosa, Moderate Liberalism and Transnational Patriotism in Mediterranean Europe

Tom Long (University of Warwick) and Carsten-Andreas Schulz (University of Cambridge): Benito Juárez and the Fall of Liberal Imperialism in Nineteenth Century Mexico

Marco Mariano (University of Turin): Mr. Barrett Goes to Mexico. Pan Americanism, Arbitration, and the Imperial Roots of US Internationalism

James D. Fry and Guillermo Coronado Aguilar (University of Hong Kong): The Role of Peace Movements in the 1899 Creation of the Permanent Court of Arbitration

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Panel 3: Free Trade, Sanctions, and Interventions

Chair: Lise Butler

Discussant: Madura Rasaratnam

Antony Howe (University of East Anglia): Richard Cobden and the Nineteenth-Century Liberal International “Tradition”

Christopher Barker (American University in Cairo): More than A Few Words on Non-Intervention: An Updated Liberal Theory for a Post-Imperial Age

Jan Lepeu (European University Institute): Liberal Internationalism and Sanctions: Friends or Foes?

Phillip Dehne (St. Joseph’s University, New York): Liberal Internationalism and the Origins of Economic Sanctions

15:30-15:45 Break

15:45-17:15 Panel 4: Interwar Internationalisms

Chair and Discussant: Georgios Giannakopoulos

Nick Kaderbhai (King’s College, London): British Social Democratic Internationalism

Patricia Chiantera-Stutte (University of Bari): The Deus Ex Machina of Liberal Internationalism: the Greek Empire, the British Commonwealth and the League of Nations in the Thought of Alfred E. Zimmern and Gilbert Murray

Tomás Irish (Swansea University): Intellectuals, Humanitarianism and the Reconstruction of European Order After the First World War

Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck, University of London): Liberal Internationalism and Technocracy

17:15 - 18:30 Panel 5: Internationalism and Empire beyond Europe

Chair: Kseniya Oksamytna

Discussant: Matt Meyers

Tomohito Baji (University of Tokyo): A Liberal Dilemma in Japanese settler-imperial theorizing: Yanaihara Tadao and the Intervention of Zionism

Juan Pablo Scarfi (University of San Andres-CONICET): Empire, International Law, and the Foundations of Liberal Internationalism in the Americas

Ke Ren (Holly Cross): Liberal Internationalism as National Resistance: The Chinese League of Nations Union in Wartime

18:30 Welcome Reception

Friday 12 May

Location: City, University of London

Venue: Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre (C101)

09:00 - 10:30 Panel 6: The American Century

Chair and Discussant: Erez Manela

Ian Klinke (University of Oxford) and Britain Hopkins (Wellesley College): Ellen Churchill Semple's political economy: Slavery, frontier, imperium

Zinovia Lialiouti (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): The "Other" Wilsonians: Liberal Internationalism and the Committee on Public Information

Grace Easterly (University of Connecticut): The International Liberal Order at Sea: US Interpretations of "Freedom of Navigation" from Wilson to Reagan

Roberta Adelaide Modugno (Roma TRE University): The American Old Right: Against Imperialism

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 12:15 Panel 7: Knowledge, Power, and Institutions

Chair: Sara Silvestri

Discussant: Jessica Reinisch

Katharina Rietzler (Sussex University): A Year for Turning: 1948 as a Fulcrum for US Liberal Internationalism

Sam Lebovic (George Mason University): Present at the Non-Creation: The Failure to Institutionalize Liberal Internationalism in the 1940s

Ahmed Waqas Waheed (National University of Science and Technology, Pakistan): The Liberal International Order and Militarized Knowledge: The Construction of “Pakistan” through US Elite Think-tank Network

Georgios Giannakopoulos (City, University of London) and Anna Ross (University of Warwick): Liberty, Internationalism, and Imperial Transformations: James Headlam-Morley in Paris

12:15- 14:15 Lunch Break

12:30 - 14:00 Lunchtime Early Career Seminar on Nationalism, Internationalism and the Liberal World Order

Location: City, University of London
Venue: FG05

For more details see [here](#)

14:15- 15:30 Panel 8: International Organisations

Chair and Discussant: Thomas Davies

Nicole Albrecht (Birkbeck, University of London): Dr. Andrija Stampar: the significance of ‘peasant internationalism’ in the context of the LNHO’s health initiatives 1930-1939

Kseniya Oksamytna (City, University of London) and Alana O’Malley (Leiden University): (Un)doing the Liberal International Order: Race, Class, and Order-Making in the UN

Maha Ali (Leiden University): Renegotiating Rights at the United Nations – the Afro-Asian Chronicle

15:30 - 15:45: Break

15:45-17:00 Panel 9: Race and Liberal Internationalism

Chair and Discussant: Inderjeet Parmar

Gili Kliger (Harvard University): “An Invidious Distinction”: Race, Reparations, and the Liberal International Order

Jake Hodder (University of Nottingham): The League of Nations, Pan-African Congress, and the Racial Limits of Liberal Internationalism

Owen Brown (Northwestern University): The Liberal International Order of White Sovereignty

17:00 - 18:30 Panel 10: Decolonisation and Cold War Internationalisms

Chair and Discussant: Alanna O’Malley

Rosalind Parr (University of Wolverhampton): Women’s Internationalism and ‘The Spirit of Bandung’: the Asian-African Conference of Women, Colombo, 1958

Volker Prott (Aston University): Decolonisation and the Transformation of Liberal Internationalism

Michelle Carmody (KU Leuven): Making Amnesty’s Internationalism: the Evolution of Non-Governmental Liberal Imaginaries, 1962-1982

19:00 Conference Social: Drinks and Pizza at the Dame Alice Owen pub

Saturday 13 May

Location: London School of Economics

Venue: Marshal Building (MAR), 2.04

09:30 - 11:00 Panel 11: Anti-Liberal Internationalisms

Chair and Discussant: Patricia Chiantera-Stutte

Arnab Dutta (University of Groningen): The Proposal of an “Oriental League of Nations”, the Greater India Society, and the Resonance of Liberal Internationalism in British Bengal, 1920s–40s

Martin Kristoffer Hamre (Free University Berlin): Concepts of “liberal internationalism” as the Antagonist of Internationally Operating Fascist Organizations in the 1930s

Sandra Ricker (European University Institute): Internationalism as *Realpolitik* – German Strategic Engagement with the League of Nations After Imperial Collapse, 1918-1933

11:00 - 11:30 Break

11:30 - 13:00 Panel 12: Challenging the Rules-Based Order

Chair and Discussant: Aaron McKeil

Sasikumar Sundaram (City, University of London): Rhetoric of Crisis of Liberal Internationalism: Power of Appropriation for Progress

Benjamin Miller (University of Haifa): Explaining the Rising Challenges to the International Liberal Order.

Dani Solomon (SOAS, University of London): China and The Practices and the Language of Liberal Internationalism: Contesting what it Means to be Liberal

Éric Pomès and M. Grandpierron (Catholic University of Vendee): Russian and Chinese Conceptions of The Existing Liberal International Order and their Proposed Alternative to it

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00: Panel 14: Is ‘Liberal Internationalism’ Useful Today?

Chair and Discussant: Katharina Rietzler

Alexander Evans (London School of Economics): From Liberalism to the Like-minded

Matthew Alan Hill (Liverpool John Moores University): Exploring How Different Liberalisms and Liberal Internationalisms can be Mainstreamed.

15:00-15:15: Break

15:15 - 16:15: Special Closing Lecture

Chair: Aaron McKeil

Patrick O. Cohrs (University of Florence): Grand Aspirations, Harsh Double Standards - and Learning Processes? Liberal Internationalism in the Long Twentieth Century.

16:15-16:30: Closing Remarks

Christopher Coker (London School of Economics)
Inderjeet Parmar (City, University of London)

Note: The presentations will be based on pre-circulated papers. If you wish to attend the conference e-mail Begum Zorlu at: Begum.Zorlu.2@city.ac.uk