

**THE ROOTS OF GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY:
From the Rise of the Press to the Fall of the Wall**

October 1st – October 3rd
Winstanley Lecture Hall, Trinity College, University of Cambridge

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 1 October 2009

13:00-14:00 Registration

14:00-14:15 **Welcome**
Opening address: Richard J. Evans – University of Cambridge

14:15-15:45 **Roundtable: *Towards a Definition of Global Civil Society***
Chair: Tim Harper – University of Cambridge

Andrew Arsan, Su Lin Lewis, Anne-Isabelle Richard – University of Cambridge

Discussion paper: the Roots of Global Civil Society

Abigail Green and Vincent Viaene – University of Oxford/ KADOC-KU Leuven

Religious Internationals in Global Civil Society

15:45-16:00 Tea Break

16:00-17:45 **Panel 1: '*Global Movements, Universal Claims*'**
Chair/respondent: Amira Bennison – University of Cambridge

This panel showcases the continuities of 'global civil society' across time, from the early modern period to the 1970s. Picking up the threads of the preceding conceptual discussion, it examines the ecumenical movements centred upon the promotion of universal ideals of civil society.

Maarten van Dijck - University of Antwerp

From Local to Global Associations: European Expansion and the Religious Origins of Global Civil Society

Jana Tschurenne - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH)

Women's Liberation, Anti-colonial Struggles and Social Hygiene: The Global Anti-Alcohol Movement (1870s to 1930s)

Daniel Laqua - Northumbria University, Newcastle

How Global Was the Freethinkers' International?

Stephen Macekura - University of Virginia

The Limits of Community: Environmentalism, Civil Society, and the 1972 Stockholm Conference

Friday 2 October 2009

9:30-10:15 **Keynote address: 'Global Civil Society in Trans-national History'**
Akira Iriye – Harvard University

10:15-10:30 Tea break

10:30-12:15 **Panel 2: 'Broadening the Boundaries of Morality'**
Chair/respondent: Chris Bayly – University of Cambridge

This panel explores the search by local actors for legitimacy within universal moral frameworks from economic liberalism to religious solidarity and social welfare. In this panel we are particularly interested in the way global idioms of civility are mobilised across disparate localities for reasons of pragmatism and idealism.

Simon Layton - University of Cambridge

The Truly Honourable of the Earth: a Merchants' Civil Society in the Indian Ocean World, c. 1784-1836

Ann Marie Wilson - Harvard University

Friends of Russian Freedom: Literary Networks and the Making of an International Cause Célèbre, 1881-1894.

Charlie Laderman - University of Cambridge

Waking up to Moral Responsibility – Missionaries, Media and America's response to the Armenian Question 1894-1920

Caroline Reeves - Emmanuel College, Boston

The Chinese Red Cross Society and the Roots of Global Civil Society

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-15:00 **Panel 3: 'Ecumenical Expertise and Global Networks of Knowledge'**
Chair/respondent: Shruti Kapila – University of Cambridge

This panel examines the circulation of ideas along networks of knowledge spanning the globe from the nineteenth century onwards. It traces the creation of a global intellectual elite and the relations between local practices and understandings with broader bodies of learning.

Stefanie Gänger - University of Cambridge

Objects on the Move: Indigenous Communities, Creole Collections and the Global Circulation of Incan Artefacts. Cuzco, c. 1830-1900s

Matthew Butler - University of Cambridge

Envisioning a Purebred World: Elite Livestock Breeders and Global Animal Improvement during the Interwar Years

Aria Laskin - University of Cambridge

The Indian Psychological Association, the Birth of the Modern Discipline and 'the Destiny of One Nation', 1905-1947

15:00-15:15 Tea break

15:15-17:00 **Panel 4: 'National spaces and global civil society'**
Chair/respondent: George Joffe – University of Cambridge

This panel will examine the manner in which reformers and activists sought to grapple with issues of scale, moving between different levels of mobilisation and representation in conciliating diverging local, national, and global agendas.

Maartje Janse – Leiden University

Cosmopolites of all Countries, Unite! Humanitarian Reformers' Conception of Global Civil Society, 1830-1860

Andrew MacDonald – University of Cambridge

Migrant Associations, the State and Civilised Societies in Southern Africa, c.1910-1948

Andrew Arsan – University of Cambridge

Finding Strength in Dispersal: Reformist Thought and Action in the Eastern Mediterranean Diaspora, 1908-1919

Sara Sanders – UCLA

The National Union of Mexican Women and Global Feminist Practice

18:45 Pre-Dinner Drinks, Master's Lodge, Magdalene College

19:30 Conference Dinner, Magdalene College

Saturday 3 October 2009

10:30-12:15 **Panel 5: 'Recasting Interwar Internationalism'**
Chair/Respondent: William Clarence-Smith, SOAS

This panel seeks to examine the activities of civil society activists in the 1920s and 1930s in the context of longstanding aspirations for world government. It will address the tensions between national and global communities of belonging.

Martin Albers – University of Cambridge

Approaching International Governance through Interparliamentary Cooperation

Thomas Davies – City University London

Private International Associations, the League of Nations and the Pursuit of Peace between the two World Wars

Stephen Wertheim – Columbia University

The League of Nations as the Decline of a League of States. Global Civil Society in the Recasting of the International System, 1914-1920

Helen McCarthy – University of Cambridge

The Lifeblood of the League? Voluntary Associations and League of Nations Activism in Britain

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-15:00 **Panel 6: ‘Globalism in the non-European Public Sphere’**
 Chair/respondent: Megan Vaughan – University of Cambridge

This panel looks at the manner in which civil society activists in the non-European world debated new ideas of internationalism and harnessed powerful new media, transforming the colonial public sphere.

Emma Hunter – University of Cambridge
The Limits of Global Civil Society: Debating Civilization in Interwar Tanganyika
Su Lin Lewis – University of Cambridge
Breaking the Colour Bar: The Rotary Movement and the ‘International Mind’ in 1930s Southeast Asia
Jake Norris – University of Cambridge
Beyond Mandatory Borders: Civil Society Activism and the Emergence of the Press in 1920s Bethlehem
Nasreen Rehman – University of Cambridge
Cinema in Labore c. 1910-1931: Individuals, Groups and Local, National and Global Networks

15:00-15:15 Tea break

15:15-17:00 **Panel 7: ‘Regional Alignments of Civil Society’**
 Chair/respondent: Akira Iriye – Harvard University

This panel will look at the manner in which intellectuals and activists transcended imperial and national boundaries and situated their activities in broader regional frameworks, defined anew according to shared identities and common interests.

Anne-Isabelle Richard – University of Cambridge
World peace through European federation; the cases of the Comité Fédéral de Coopération Européenne and Paneuropa in interwar Europe
Carolien Stolte – Leiden University
Interwar Internationalism in India: the case of the Trade Union Movement(s)
Wil James – University of Cambridge
The Struggle for Interdependence: the Role of Transatlantic Civil Society in Transforming the German Question, 1958-1972

17:00-17:45 **Closing remarks: Tim Harper/ Chris Bayly - University of Cambridge**

18:00-19:00 Drinks Reception, Rushmore Room, St. Catherine’s College

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