



Centenary Conference

Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth, 17 -19 June

The theme of the conference is the work that has come out of the Department over the course of the past century. Two fundamental questions stand at its core:

- 1) What have been, generally and/or with a view to your particular area of expertise, the most significant contributions articulated in the Department since 1919?
- 2) What of this work, and how, will continue to shape the discipline in the century ahead?

Monday, 17 June

Welcome + Lunch 13:00 – 13:45

Session 1 – Interwar Wilson Professors 13:45 – 15:15

Chair: Jan Ruzicka

Matthew Fluck – “Dreamworld of Facts: EH Carr, Critical Theory, and Epistemic Crisis”

Jim Vaughan – “Alfred Zimmern, Charles K. Webster, and Jewish Nationalism”

Session 2 – Sociological perspectives and IR 15:15 – 16:45

Chair: Andrea Warnecke

Andre Saramago – “Critical International Theory: A Post-utopian, Post-philosophical Perspective”

Jenny Mathers – “Aberystwyth’s Contributions to the Project of Gendering IR and Security”

Tea and Coffee Break 16:45 – 17:00



Session 3 – Intelligence Studies 17:00 – 18:30

Chair: Farrah Hawana

R. Gerald Hughes – “One Hundred Years of Intelligence in Aberystwyth: Goronwy Rees and All That”

Warren Dockter – “Intelligent Teaching: Aberystwyth Teaching Intelligence”

Len Scott – “Spooks and Gowns: The Aber Story”

Dinner (Medina, Aberystwyth) 19:00

Tuesday, 18 June

Session 4 – Wales and Global Politics 10:00 – 11:30

Chair: Catrin Edwards

Huw Lewis – “Language Politics: The Local and the Global”

Elin Royles – “Welsh Government as an International Actor”

Lucy Taylor – “Settler Colonialism and Wales”

Tea and Coffee Break 11:30 – 11:45

Session 5 – IR and International History 11:45 – 13:15

Chair: Patrick Finney

Will Bain – “History and the Problem of the 20th Century”

R. Gerald Hughes – “International History: Rich Field, Poor Relation”

Lunch 13:15 – 14:00

Session 6 – Disciplinary Identity 14:00 – 15:30

Chair: Birgit Poopuu

Danielle Young – “The Intersection of Disciplinary Construction and Critique: International Politics in Aberystwyth”

Richard Beardsworth – “IR: An Interdisciplinary Discipline”

Ken Booth – “A History of the Discipline in a Few Dozen Aber Books and Articles”



Tea and Coffee Break 15:30 – 15:45

Session 7 - Strategic Studies 15:45 – 17:15

Chair: R. Gerald Hughes

Martin Alexander – "Outsider-Insider: Observations on Aberystwyth Strategic Studies"

Colin McInness "John Garnett: Wizard of Armageddon?"

Dinner (Medina, Aberystwyth) 19:00

Wednesday, 19 June

Session 8 – Security 9:30 – 11:00

Chair: Kamila Stullerova

Nicholas J. Wheeler – "Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention in Aber"

Jan Ruzicka – "Why the Aberystwyth School Has Not Taken Off?"

Tea and Coffee Break 11:00 – 11:15

Session 9 – Critical Theory and IR 11:15 – 12:45

Chair: Richard Beardsworth

Milja Kurki – "Critical Theory, Aberystwyth, and the Future of the Critical Project"

Alex Hoseason – "Critique, Time Consciousness, and Ethical Community"

Katharina Hoene – "Re-appraising Moral Agency and the Problem of Harm in the Era of Artificial Intelligence"

Andrew Linklater – "Critical Theory and Process Sociology: Involvement and Detachment"

Conclusion + Lunch 12:45 – 14:00