

Progressivism: Past and Present

3 July, Senate Room, Senate House, London

9am Refreshments

9.30-11.00 Progressive as a Political Word

- Dr Emily Robinson (Nottingham): Progress and Progressivism: Contested Concepts
- Dr David Blaazer (UNSW Canberra): An idea whose time has gone? The British Progressive Tradition reconsidered
- Joe Twyman (YouGov): Public understandings of 'progressive'

Chair: John Rentoul (*Independent*)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-12.15 Can anything be described as 'progressive'? Cross-party roundtable.

- Max Wind-Cowie (Progressive Conservatism Project, Demos)
- Prof. Richard Grayson (Liberal Left)
- Paul Richards (Progress)
- Prof. Tim Bale (Sussex)

Chair: Martin Kettle (*Guardian*)

12.15-1.00 Lunch

1.00-2.30 Liberals and the Progressive Tradition

- Prof. Michael Freeden (Oxford): Liberalism and Welfare: Recasting an Ideology
- Peter Sloman (Oxford): Partners in progress? The Liberals and the Labour Party since 1918
- Seth Alexander Thévoz (Warwick and History of Parliament Trust): Realignment of the Left 1956-2001: why it never happened

Chair: Mary Ann Sieghart (*Independent*)

2.30-2.45 Break

2.45-4.15 Progressive Conservatism

- Dr Robert Page (Birmingham): The 'Progressive' Turn In Post-1945 Conservative Social Policy?
- Philip Begley (Lincoln): 'We are the Social Democrats now': Sherman, Thatcher and the electoral appeal of the Conservative Party
- Dr Simon Griffiths (Goldsmiths): Cameron, Thatcher and 'Progressive Conservatism'

Chair: Rt Hon. Lord Hurd of Westwell CH CBE

4.15-4.30 Break

4.30-6.00 Labour and the Progressive Tradition

- Jon Cruddas MP: Labour and the Progressive Tradition
- Steve Van Riel (former Labour Party policy director): Struggles to maintain political momentum: progressivism in the Labour party since 2005
- Craig Johnson (Newcastle): Analysing the viability of co-operation across the centre-left

Chair: Paul Richards (Progress)