



Conference Programme

‘Splendid Isolation’? Insularity in British History

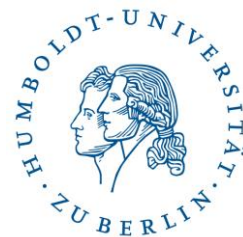
Berlin, 3–5 May 2018

Conveners

Christiane Eisenberg, Centre for British Studies, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
Wencke Meteling, Universität Marburg/German Association for British Studies
Andrea Wiegeshoff, Universität Marburg
Hannes Ziegler, German Historical Institute London

Location

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
Centre for British Studies / Großbritannienzentrum
Mohrenstraße 60
10117 Berlin



Thursday 3 May 2018

19:00–21:30 *Max Weber Foundation / The Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Berlin: Podium Discussion (in German) on “Abschied vom Kontinent? Der Brexit aus aktueller und historischer Perspektive”*

Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Leibniz-Saal, Eingang: Markgrafenstr. 38, 10117 Berlin

Friday 4 May 2018

9:00 *Board Meeting of the German Association for British Studies*

10:00-12:00 *Workshop of the German Association for British Studies*

Vernessa Wagner, Universität Frankfurt

Kapitalismus, Krise und Nation. Wirtschaftskrisen und gesellschaftliche Selbstbeschreibung in deutschen und englischen Zeitungen im 19. Jahrhundert

Marius Guderian, Centre for British Studies

'Territorial Power, Intergovernmental Relations and Political Influence in Unitary and Federal Systems'

14:00–15:00 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Christiane Eisenberg, Centre for British Studies

Bernhard Dietz, President of the German Association for British Studies

Wencke Meteling, Universität Marburg

Andrea Wiegeshoff, Universität Marburg

Hannes Ziegler, GHI London

15:00–17:00 **Session I: Cultural Imaginations of the 'Island Nation' and Competing Conceptions of National Belonging**

Ross Aldridge, Gdansk University

'The Chalk of Britannia': The place of Dover and the Channel Tunnel in Britain's island identity

Patrick Bohners, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

'Emphatically islanders': The insularity of Whig historiography

Almuth Ebke, Universität Mannheim

An 'island nation'? Changing conceptions of Britain, ca. 1981

17:00–17:30 **Tea Break**

17:30–19:00 **Keynote Lecture**

Julia Angster, Universität Mannheim

A Global Island: Great Britain and the World in the 19th Century

19:00–20:00 **Wine Reception**

20:30 **Conference Dinner at Restaurant *La Via del Muro*, Mauerstr. 83/84**

Saturday 5 May 2018

9:00–11:00 Session II: The ‘Island Nearby’: Conflicting British and Irish Insularities

James Stafford, Universität Bielefeld

‘The mart in Europe for the trade of America’: Ireland and the British world in the 1780s

Pamela Linden, Imperial War Museums, London

The fragmentation of British Jewish identity post-1921

Stuart C. Aveyard, University of Chichester

Britishness and perceptions of the Northern Ireland conflict

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:15 Session III: Islandness vs. Interconnectedness in British Politics

Benjamin Bland, Royal Holloway, University of London

‘The Island Race’: Islandness, the nationalist imagination, and far right political identities in post-war Britain

Simon J. Moody, King’s College London

An airbridge to Armageddon: The British Isles and extended deterrence in the Cold War

Charlotte Lydia Riley, University of Southampton

‘This is work for the future of mankind’: Insularity, imperialism and internationalism at the end of empire

13:15-14:15 Lunch

14:15-14:45 Final Discussion & Closing Remarks

15:00 onwards *General Meeting of the German Association for British Studies*

(members only)

Award Ceremony: Dissertation Prize