Union and Disunion in the Nineteenth Century
International Conference, University of Plymouth, England (22 – 23 June 2017)

Please note all sessions take place on the main campus of the University of Plymouth

Day One: 22 June 2017

9.00 – 9.30 Registration / Tea and Coffee
9.30 – 9.45 Welcome

9.45 – 10.45 **Keynote** Gordon Pentland, Reader, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh

10.45 – 12.15 Parallel Session 1

**Europe**

Edmund Flood
Lancashire Business School, University of Central Lancashire
‘*Two Unions in the Rise of Nineteenth-Century Germany: the Zollverein (Customs Union) and the Vereins Deutscher Eisenbahn-Verwaltungen (Association of German Railway Administrations)*’

John R. Davis
School of Humanities, University of Kingston
‘*The Zollverein: disunion and union in German economic affairs 1815–1871*’

Rachel Egloff
Department of English and Modern Languages, Oxford Brookes University
‘*Rose Blaze de Bury: A Case-Study in Uniting a Female Signature with Unfeminine German and European Politics of (Dis-)Union*’

12.15 – 1.00 Lunch

1.00 – 2.30 Parallel Session 2

**Legal Strand: Agency of the Law**

Kelly Ann Couzens
University of Western Australia
‘*“Barely possible, though highly improbable”? Divided Responses to Defining the Offence of Rape within Nineteenth-Century Britain*’

David J. Cox
School of Social, Historical and Political Studies, University of Wolverhampton
‘*Union and disunion: the role of King’s Messengers in suppressing political union and sedition 1780–1820*’

Craig Newbery-Jones
School of Law, Criminology and Government, University of Plymouth
‘*A Blackleg Union: Barrister’s Discipline in Victorian England*’

**Ireland**

Claire Fitzpatrick
Department of History, University of Plymouth
‘*Ireland and the Postal Service*’

Paul Huddie
‘*The Crimean War: the pinnacle of Anglo-Irish relations during the union period*’

David Blaazer
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of New South Wales Canberra
‘*Union, disunion, or something in between: the strange life and death of the Anglo-Irish monetary union*’

**USA strand: European views**

Brian Schoen
Department of History, Ohio University
‘*The European Search for Sovereignty in the US Secession Crisis*’

Simon Rennie
Department of English, University of Exeter
‘*“This ‘Merikay War”: Lancastrian poetic commentary on the American Civil War during the Cotton Famine*’

Michael J. Turner
Department of History, Appalachian State University
‘*“The Union is gone forever”: Beresford Hope and British Sympathy for the South during the American Civil War*’
2.30 – 2.45 Tea and Coffee

2.45 – 4.15 Parallel Session 3

Unity and Disunity
James Gregory
Department of History, University of Plymouth
‘The English Visit to Paris: April 1849 and Popular Efforts to Forge Union’

Ann Lyon
School of Law, Criminology and Government, University of Plymouth
‘India and the White Mutiny of 1857’

John Laurence Busch
Independent scholar
‘More Perfect Unions: Forging Closer Ties Using the First Generation of Steam-Powered Vessels’

Religion Strand
Margaret Markwick
School of English, University of Exeter
‘Antidisestablishmentarianism and Margaret Oliphant’s Salem’s Chapel’

Matthew Kidd
Department of History, University of Gloucestershire
‘Class, Religion and Ideology in the “Bradlaugh case”, 1868–1886’

Daniel Grey
Department of History, University of Plymouth
‘An uncomfortable union: creating Anglo-Muhammadan Law’

4.15 – 5.35 Plymouth: A Case Study of Unity and Disunity

Judith Rowbotham
School of Law, Criminology and Government, University of Plymouth
‘Presenting a (Dis)United Front: Jealousy, Zeal and Obstinacy in Plymouth 1850–1914’

Kim Stevenson
School of Law, Criminology and Government, University of Plymouth
‘The Significance of Union Street in the Unification of Plymouth’s Three Towns’

Rob Giles and Craig Newbery-Jones
School of Law, Criminology and Government, University of Plymouth
‘A Unification of Narrative Threads: Transmedia Storytelling – Perspectives from Plymouth’

5.35 – 6.30 Wine Reception

7.00 Dinner (Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club, Madeira Road, Plymouth)
Day Two: 23 June

8.45 – 9.00 Tea and Coffee

9.00 – 10.00 **Keynote** Lucy Riall  
Professor of Comparative History of Europe, European University Institute

10.00 – 11:30 **Parallel Session 4**

**USA strand: the US view**

Emily West  
Department of History, University of Reading  
'The Union of Enslaved Couples during the Disunion of the Nation: Love, Discord, and Separations at the ending of US slavery'

Pearl T. Ponce  
Department of History, Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York  
'Attempting Disunion: Mutable Borders and the Mormon Experience with the United States, 1846–1858'

Lawrence T. McDonell  
Department of History, Iowa State University  
'The South Carolina Jeremiad: Reinterpreting John C. Calhoun’s Legacy in the 1850s'

**Cartels and Trade Union strand**

Daniel Renshaw  
'Unionising the “other” – the attitudes of the metropolitan Jewish and Catholic hierarchies towards trade union organisation in Jewish and Irish communities, 1889 to 1914'

Michael Knies  
University of Scranton, Pennsylvania  
'The creation and dissolution of the type founders’ cartel'

Alex Rowe  
School of Tourism and Hospitality, University of Plymouth  
'“One and All”? The Absence of Trade Unionism in Late 19th Century Cornwall'

11.30 – 11.45 Break

11.45 – 12.45 **Keynote** Laura Schwartz, Department of History, University of Warwick

12.45 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 3.00 **Parallel Strand 5**

**Ireland and Scotland**

James Ford  
Curator’s Office, Palace of Westminster  
'To “purchase union thus cheaply”: The controversial statue of an Irish archbishop in the United Kingdom Houses of Parliament'

Sonny Kandola  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Liverpool John Moores University  
'“[W]e may fall slowly, we may fall bravely, but fall we must”; insurrection, Union and the limits of cultural nationalism in Charles Robert Maturin’s The Milesian Chief (1812)'

Gary Hutchison  
School of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh  
'An “illegal Union of Lawyers, and Writers, and Political Barons”?: The Conservative Party and Scottish Governance in the Mid-Nineteenth Century'

**Legal strand: the family unit**

Helen Rutherford  
School of Law, Northumbria University  
'United in Matrimony; United in Acrimony; United in Death; United in Condemnation … or not. Disunion in the jury room. Regina v John William Anderson, Newcastle Winter Assizes 1875’

Alison Pedley  
Department of Humanities, Roehampton University  
'“The authorities would feel nothing but pleasure in discharging her, if it be done with safety”. Going home: the importance and relevance of family unity in the discharge and pardon of married mothers who had murdered their children and been committed as criminal lunatics'

Karen Rothery  
University of Hertfordshire  
'Establishing the Poor Law Unions – The role of the Assistant Commissioner'

3.00pm **Conference closes**

6.00pm **Informal Dinner** at RockFish, Sutton Harbour, 3 Rope Walk, Plymouth