

**Rethinking the past and present of liberal internationalism**  
*International Conference*  
City, University of London and the LSE  
11-13 May 2023

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## **Conference Programme**

### **Thursday 11 May**

**Location:** City, University of London,

**Venue:** Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre (C101)

**9:00-9:30:** Welcome and Introductions

#### **9:30 - 11:00 Panel 1: Liberal Internationalism in Theory**

*Chair: Madura Rasaratnam*

*Discussant: Sasikumar Sundaram*

Christopher Ankersen (New York University): Humanity: The “Strategic Ontology” at the Heart of Liberal Internationalism

Theo Christov (George Washington University): Who is the “Self” in “Self-Determination”?

Ian Hurd (Northwestern University): What was Liberal Internationalism?

Laura Kotzur and Mariam Salehi (Free University, Berlin): Mapping the Genealogy of Transformative Justice

**11:00- 11:30 Break**

#### **11:30-13:00 Panel 2: Empire, Liberty, and Internationalism: Nineteenth-Century Stories**

*Chair: Leonie Fleishman*

*Discussant: Giuseppe Grieco*

Talitha Ilacqua (Yale University): *Santorre di Santa Rosa, Moderate Liberalism and Transnational Patriotism in Mediterranean Europe*

Tom Long (University of Warwick) and Carsten-Andreas Schulz (University of Cambridge): Benito Juárez and the Fall of Liberal Imperialism in Nineteenth Century Mexico

Marco Mariano (University of Turin): Mr. Barrett Goes to Mexico. Pan Americanism, Arbitration, and the Imperial Roots of US Internationalism

James D. Fry and Guillermo Coronado Aguilar (University of Hong Kong): The Role of Peace Movements in the 1899 Creation of the Permanent Court of Arbitration

**13:00 - 14:00: Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:30 Panel 3: Free Trade, Sanctions, and Interventions**

*Chair: Lise Butler*

*Discussant: Madura Rasaratnam*

Antony Howe (University of East Anglia): Richard Cobden and the Nineteenth-Century Liberal International 'Tradition'

Christopher Barker (American University in Cairo): More than A Few Words on Non-Intervention: An Updated Liberal Theory for a Post-Imperial Age

Jan Lepeu (European University Institute): Liberal Internationalism and Sanctions: Friends or Foes?

Phillip Dehne (St. Joseph's University, New York): Liberal Internationalism and the Origins of Economic Sanctions

**15:30-15:45: Break**

**15:45-17:15 Panel 4: Interwar Internationalisms**

*Chair and Discussant: Georgios Giannakopoulos*

Nick Kaderbhai (King's College, London): British Social Democratic Internationalism

Patricia Chantera-Stutte (University of Bari): The Deus Ex Machina of Liberal Internationalism: the Greek Empire, the British Commonwealth and the League of Nations in the Thought of Alfred E. Zimmern and Gilbert Murray

Tomás Irish (Swansea University): Intellectuals, Humanitarianism and the Reconstruction of European Order After the First World War

Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck, University of London): Liberal Internationalism and Technocracy

**17:15 - 18:45 Panel 5: Internationalism and Empire beyond Europe**

*Chair: Kenya Oksamytna*

*Discussant: Matt Meyers*

Tomohito Baji (University of Tokyo): A Liberal dilemma in Japanese settler-imperial theorizing: Yanaihara Tadao and the Intervention of Zionism

Swapna Kona Nayudu (Yale NUS College): India's Internationalist Histories

Juan Pablo Scarfi (University of San Andres-CONICET): Empire, International Law, and the Origins of Liberal Internationalism in the Americas

Ke Ren (Holly Cross): "Liberal Internationalism as National Resistance: The Chinese League of Nations Union in Wartime"

**19:00 Welcome Reception**

**Friday 12 May**

**Location:** City, University of London

**Venue:** Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre (C101)

**09:15 - 10:45 Panel 6: The American Century**

*Chair and Discussant: Erez Manela*

Ian Klinke (University of Oxford) and Britain Hopkins (Wellesley College): Ellen Churchill Semple's political economy: Slavery, frontier, imperium

Zinovia Lialiouti (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): The 'Other' Wilsonians: Liberal Internationalism and the Committee on Public Information

Grace Easterly (University of Connecticut): The International Liberal Order at Sea: US Interpretations of "Freedom of Navigation" from Wilson to Reagan

Roberta Adelaide Modugno (Roma TRE University): The American Old Right: Against Imperialism

**10:45 - 11:00: Break**

**11:00 - 12:30 Panel 7: Knowledge, Power and Institutions**

*Chair: Sara Silvestri*

*Discussant: Jessica Reinisch*

Katharina Rietzler (Sussex University): A Year for Turning: 1948 as a Fulcrum for US Liberal Internationalism

Sam Lebovic (George Mason University): Present at the Non-Creation: The Failure to Institutionalize Liberal Internationalism in the 1940s

Ahmed Waqas Waheed (National University of Science and Technology, Pakistan): The Liberal International Order and Militarized Knowledge: The Construction of “Pakistan” through US Elite Think-tank Network

Georgios Giannakopoulos (City, University of London) and Anna Ross (University of Warwick): Liberty, Internationalism, and Imperial Transformations: James Headlam-Morley in Paris

**12:15 - 14:15 Break**

**12:30 - 14:00 Lunchtime Early Career Seminar on Nationalism, Internationalism and the Liberal World Order**

Location: City, University of London  
Venue: FG05

*For more details see [here](#)*

**14:15- 15:45 Panel 8: International Organisations**

*Chair and Discussant: Thomas Davies*

Nicole Albrecht (Birkbeck, University of London): Dr. Andrija Stampar: the significance of ‘peasant internationalism’ in the context of the LNHO’s health initiatives 1930-1939

Kseniya Oksamytna (City, University of London) and Alana O’Malley (Leiden University): (Un)doing the Liberal International Order: Race, Class, and Order-Making in the UN

Maha Ali (Leiden University): Renegotiating Rights at the United Nations – the Afro-Asian Chronicle

**15:45 - 16:00: Break**

**16:00-17:30 Panel 9: Race and Liberal Internationalism**

*Chair and Discussant: Inderjeet Parmar*

Gili Kliger (Harvard University): “An Invidious Distinction”: Race, Reparations, and the Liberal International Order

Jake Hodder (University of Nottingham): The League of Nations, Pan-African Congress and the Racial Limits of Liberal Internationalism

Owen Brown (Northwestern University): The Liberal International Order of White Sovereignty

**17:30 - 19:00 Panel 10: Decolonisation and Cold War Internationalisms**

*Chair and Discussant: Alanna O'Malley*

Ghulam Ali Murtaza (Leiden University): Advocating Qualified Universality: Pakistani Diplomats and the Making of International Human Rights Norms (1948-1958)

Rosalind Parr (University of Wolverhampton): Women’s Internationalism and ‘The Spirit of Bandung’: the Asian-African Conference of Women, Colombo, 1958

Volker Prott (Aston University): Decolonisation and the Transformation of Liberal Internationalism

Michelle Carmody (KU Leuven): Making Amnesty’s Internationalism: the Evolution of Non-Governmental Liberal Imaginaries, 1962-1982

**19:30 – 21:30: Conference Social: Drinks and Pizza at the Dame Alice Owen pub**

**Saturday 13 May**

**Location:** London School of Economics

**Venue:** tbc

**09:30 - 11:00 Panel 11: Anti-Liberal Internationalisms**

*Chair: tbc*

*Discussant: Patricia Chiantera-Stutte*

Mark Bassin (Södertörn University): Hegemony or Harmony? Grossraum as a Geopolitical Model for an Illiberal World Order

Arnab Dutta (University of Groningen): The Proposal of an “Oriental League of Nations”, the Greater India Society, and the Resonance of Liberal Internationalism in British Bengal, 1920s–40s

Martin Kristoffer Hamre (Free University Berlin): Concepts of “liberal internationalism” as the Antagonist of Internationally Operating Fascist Organizations in the 1930s

Sandra Ricker (European University Institute): Internationalism as *Realpolitik* – German Strategic Engagement with the League of Nations After Imperial Collapse, 1918-1933

**11:00 - 11:30 Break**

**11:30 - 13:00 Panel 12 Challenging the Rules-Based Order**

*Chair and Discussant: Aaron McKeil*

Sasikumar Sundaram (City, University of London): Rhetoric of Crisis of Liberal Internationalism: Power of Appropriation for Progress

Benjamin Miller (University of Haifa): Explaining the Rising Challenges to the International Liberal Order.

Dani Solomon (SOAS, University of London): China and The Practices and the Language of Liberal Internationalism: Contesting what it Means to be Liberal

Éric Pomès and M. Grandpierron (Catholic University of Vendée): Russian and Chinese Conceptions of The Existing Liberal International Order and their Proposed Alternative to it

**13:00-14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00-15:30: Panel 14 Is “Liberal Internationalism” Useful Today?**

*Chair and Discussant: Katharina Rietzler*

Alexander Evans (London School of Economics): From Liberalism to the Like-minded

Matthew Alan Hill (Liverpool John Moores University): Exploring How Different Liberalisms and Liberal Internationalisms can be Mainstreamed.

Mark Ledwidge (City, University of London): Capital, Accumulation, Imperialism and Power

**15:30 - 16:00 Concluding Roundtable**

Note: The presentations will be based on pre-circulated papers. If you wish to attend the conference e-mail Begum Zorlu at: [Begum.Zorlu.2@city.ac.uk](mailto:Begum.Zorlu.2@city.ac.uk)

