



# The Will of the People: Constructions and representations of the popular voice from c.1500 to the present day

6-7 June 2018 at Bath Spa University, Bath, U.K.

## Day 1: Wednesday, 6 June

### **Bath Spa Campus, Commons Building, CM119**

09.00 – 09.30            Coffee and introductory remarks

09.30 – 12.00            Session 1: Space, place, and materiality

*Speech acts and the inscription of space: contested boundaries in seventeenth-century enclosure riots*, Elly Robson, Cambridge University

*Material Voices: The Historical Archaeology of Peterloo 1819*, Caitlin Kitchener, York University,

*The body politic: marches, processions and spectacle, c 1867-1939*, Dr. James Thompson, Bristol University

12.00 – 12.15            Short break

12.15 – 13.15            Keynote 1

*'The cry of the country': the popular voice in early modern England*, Professor Andy

Wood, Durham University

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13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 16.15 Session 2: Petitioning and the voice(s) of the people

Session 2A

*The early modern 'public' and the English 'Court of Poor Men's Causes', or Court of Requests, 1515-1529*, Laura Flannigan, Cambridge University

*Parochial Petitions and the Voice of the People in Early Modern England*, Dr. Brodie Waddell, Birkbeck, University of London

Short break

Session 2B

*Petitions, Parliamentary Debates and the Abolition of the Slave Trade*, Anna Harrington, Leicester University

*Mediating opinion and plural publics in English petitioning, 1688-1760*, Dr. Philip Loft, Cambridge University

16.30 – 17.00 Refreshments

17.00 – 18.00 Keynote 2

*'A freeman ought to have his rights of speaking and thinking': Voices of the extra-parliamentary nation in the long eighteenth century*, Professor Elaine Chalus, University of Liverpool

18.00 – 18.45 Break and buses to town

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18.45 – 20.15      Public round table: The uses of history and political engagement

**At the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institute**

Dr. John Rees

Robin McAlpine

Amelia Womack

20.30                  Conference Dinner (optional)

**Day 2: Thursday, 7 June**

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09.00 – 10.15      Future collaboration and research

Dr. John Rees

Robin McAlpine

Dr. Luke McKernan, British Library

Gregory Thompson, University College London

The organisers welcome the participation of all speakers and attendees

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10.15 – 11.15            Session 3: The voice of the people in comparative perspective

*Pasquino and the hunchback of Rialto*, Thomas Goodwin, University of Oxford

*Is the voice of the people the voice of God? Discussing the embodiment of the Vox Populi during the Catholic League (1585-1596)*, Jean Sènié, Université Paris-Sorbonne

11.15 – 11.30            Refreshments

11.30 – 12.30            Keynote 3

*Towards a Global Public? The Emergence of an ‘International’ Public Opinion and its Influence on Diplomacy in the ‘Long’ Twentieth Century*, Dr. Daniel Hucker, University of Nottingham

12.30 – 13.30            Lunch

13.30 – 15.00            Session 4: Parliaments, the political nation, and the consent of the people

*Who was the ‘political nation’ in Hanoverian Britain?*, Max Skjonsberg, University of York

*Who are the people: democracy, nationalism and majoritarianism*, Professor Brian Girvin, University of Glasgow

*A Question of Consent? Parliamentary opposition to Britain’s entry to the European Community and the origins of the 1975 referendum*, Dr. Daniel Furby, FIPRA

15.00 – 15.15            Refreshments

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15.15 – 16.45      Session 5: Workshop and open discussion: Democracy, sovereignty, and the people

*Radical tradition and the meaning of ‘the People’ in southern Britain, 1868-1888*, Dr. Matthew Kidd, Workers’ Educational Association

*From Antagonist to Protagonist: “Democracy” and “People” in British Parliamentary Debates, 1770-1920*, Hugo Bonin, Université du Québec à Montréal

*Is democracy unconstitutional? Ominous words in early 19thC British politics*, Dr. Ugo Bruschi, University of Bologna

Open discussion and concluding remarks

17.00                      Conference close

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