



Work in Britain in the 20th Century

**18th Annual Conference of the Centre for
Contemporary British History, 14-16 July 2004
Senate House, University of London.**

Wednesday 14 July

- 10.00-10.30** **Registration; Coffee**
- 10.30-12.0** **Setting the Scene: Overviews introducing the key issues**
Chair: Peter Nolan (Leeds, Director ESRC Future of Work Programme)
Robert Taylor (LSE, former Financial Times Employment Editor) 'Britain's World of Work: Myths and Realities'
Richard Donkin (*Financial Times*, author of *The History of Work 2004?*) 'The History of Work'
Humphrey Southall (Portsmouth) 'Changing Spatial Divisions of Labour in 20th Century Britain'
- 12.00-13.00** **Polly Toynbee** (*Guardian*)
Women Low-Paid Workers since the 1970s
- 13:00-14:00** **Lunchtime Presentation: Work in the Archives 1**
Christine Woodland, Modern Records Centre, Warwick
Christine Coates, TUC Collections, London Metropolitan University
Amanda Hill, Archives Hub, University of Manchester
Sue Donnelly, Archivist, LSE Library
- 14.00-15.30** **Gender and Paid Employment**
Pat Thane (IHR) Gender, Age and Work
Kevin James. Paid Outwork in Ulster: Female Employment in the Garment and 'Making-Up' Trades, 1900-1914
Deborah Thom (Cambridge) 'The Women do not actually blow the glass': Representations of Women's Work and Innovation in the Great War.'
- 15.30-15.50** **Tea**
- 15.50-17.20** **Manual Work**
Alun Howkins (Sussex) 'Only a Poor Labourer': The Farm Workforce, 1880-1950
John Lloyd (Amicus) 'The Changing Role of the Electrician from 1900 to the present'
Andrew Taylor The Decline of the Coal Miner

- 17.30-18.40** **ALL OUR WORKING LIVES**
Peter Pagnamenta. 'All Our Working Lives'. Showing and commentary by the director on the making of the 1984 TV Documentary.
- 18.45-20.00** **Reception and Book Launch: James Cronin, *New Labour's Past: The Labour Party and its Discontents* (Longman Pearson).**

Thursday, 16 July

- 9.30-11.0** **Industrial Relations**
Peter Howlett (LSE): Sticks and Carrots: Disciplining Railway Workers in the Great Eastern before the First World War
David Howell (York): Industrial Relations on the Railways between the Wars
Willie Brown (Professor of Industrial Relations, University of Cambridge) : Industrial Relations since the 1960s
- 11.00-11.30** **Coffee**
- 11.30-12.45** **The Affluent Worker**
Professor Mike Savage (Sociology, Manchester) Post-war Sociology and Cultures of Work: a critical discussion of the 'affluent worker' studies forty years on.
Professor Jennifer Platt (Sussex) Discussant
- 12.45-13.45** **Lunch**
Lunchtime Presentation: Work in the Archives 2
Jone Garmendia (The National Archive). Labouring Men, Labouring Women: online resources at The National Archive'
- 13.45-15.45** **Occupational Ill-Health**
Arthur McIvor (Strathclyde): Oral History and Occupational Health in Twentieth Century Britain
Mike Esbester : 'Safety First': Employee Safety on British railways, 1913-30
Christine Hallett (Manchester) : Welfare Officers in the Lancashire Cotton Mills, 1920-1970
Mark Buffon (Exeter): Industrial Lung-Disease in History.
- 15.45-16.00** **Tea**
- 16.00-17.30** **Skilled Work**
Ian Gazeley (Sussex): Skill and Gender Differentials, 1913-1945
Margaret Ritchie (Strathclyde) : The Work Came First: Skilled Women Workers in the East of Scotland, 1900-1950
Christine Wall (Cambridge) : 'Never argue with the architect': hierarchies, skill and status in the mid 20th c construction industry
- 17.30-18.30** **Madeleine Bunting** (*Guardian*) The Overworked British

Friday, 16 July

- 9.30-10.30** **Management and White Collar Workers**
Michael Heller (UCL) London clerical workers, 1880-1914
Emma Haxhaj Up Periscope: The Management of the Royal Dockyards from 1956
Jo Workman (Sussex) Explaining the Rise and Rise of the MBA.
- 10.30-11.00** **Coffee**
- 11.00-12.30** **The State and Work**
Noel Whiteside (Warwick) From Casual Labour to Flexible Employment: Historical Perspectives on 20th century Labour Market Reform
Jim Cronin (Boston College) 'New Labour' and Work
- 12.30-13.30** **Lunch**
- 13.30-14.45** **Gender and Paid Employment**
Selina Todd (IHR) . 'A Job for Life? Young People and Work in England, 1918-1950'
Dolly Smith Wilson (Boston College) . A New Look at the Affluent Worker: The Working Mother in Post-War Britain
Jane Neal-Smith (Bradford) Masculinity and Physical Labour: the changing image of the airline pilot, the employment of women pilots and aircraft technology.
- 14.45-15.00** **Tea**
- 15.00-17.30** **Witness seminar: Thatcher's Industrial Relations Policy**
- 17.30-18.30** **John Goldthorpe** (Nuffield, Oxford. Author of the 1960s affluent worker') The Decline of the Working Class

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