The Age of Anniversaries: The Cult of Commemoration 1905-1920

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10.00 - Introduction

Thomas Otte (UEA)
The Cult of the Centenary, National Self-Historicisation and the Mobilisation of the Masses: Some Reflections

10.30 – 12.00 War and Peace

Andrew Lambert (KCL)
An Entente Centenary. Commemorating Trafalgar without wounding 'the susceptibilities of France’

Geoff Hicks (UEA)
The Perils of Commemoration: Mr Lincoln and Anglo-American Peace, 1914-1920

Christina Theodosiou (Paris)
The Cult of the Fallen Soldier in France during the Great War: between tradition and modernity

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.15 Nationalism

Ewen Cameron (Edinburgh)
Commemorating two centuries of Anglo-Scottish Union

George Gilbert (UEA)
The limits of nationalist imagination in the Poltava and Bessarabia ceremonials in Russia

14.15 - 15.30 History and politics

Roland Quinault (London)
Political centenary commemorations in the early twentieth century

Paul Readman (KCL)
Commemoration through dramatic performance: historical pageants and the age of anniversaries, 1905-1920

15.30-16.00 Concluding remarks

Chris Clark (Cambridge)

16.00 Tea