Ethics and the Civil Service – past, present, and future

April 8th 2022
at the
Attenborough Centre
University of Sussex

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Convened by Dr Ian Cawood
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Agenda

Morning theme: where are we now on standards in UK public life - and what next?

09.30-10.00 Registration
10.00 Opening remarks - Dr Ian Cawood
10.10 Keynote The Contested Legacy of the Northcote-Trevelyan Report
   Michael Coolican - former Assistant Secretary, DTI, author of No Tradesmen, No Women: The Origins of the British Civil Service (2018)
10.40 Panel How robust is the UK's standards system and what needs to change?
   Professor Elizabeth David-Barrett (University of Sussex)
   Dr Gillian Peele (University of Oxford)
   Dr Susan Hawley (Executive Director, Spotlight on Corruption)
   Facilitator: Professor Robert Barrington (University of Sussex)

11.30 Break
11.45 Panel A view from within public service: standards, civil servants and Ministers
   Baroness (Gisela) Stuart of Edgbaston
   Sir Philip Rutnam (Former Permanent Secretary to the Home Office)
   Professor Jill Rutter (Institute for Government & King’s College, London)
   Facilitator: Professor David-Barrett (University of Sussex)

12.40 Lunch

Afternoon theme: how did we get here - and what lessons can we learn?

13.30 Keynote Above the law? Parliament and public standards since 1850
   Professor Miles Taylor (Professor of British History & Society, Großbritannien-Zentrum Centre for British Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

14.00 Presentations The Civil Service and the British Empire
   Dr Colin Alexander (Nottingham Trent University)
   Dr Steven Pierce (University of Manchester)

15.00 Break

15.20 Presentations The rivals of Charles Trevelyan in C19th administrative reform
   Professor Lauren Goodlad (Rutgers University)
   Professor Stuart Jones (University of Manchester)
   Dr Ian Cawood (University of Stirling)

16.50 Closing Remarks
17.00 Close

Joining by Zoom

Due to Covid restrictions, attendance in person is limited to the speakers and an invited audience; others are most welcome to join by Zoom.

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