

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

April 8th 2022

at the

*Attenborough Centre
University of Sussex*

or join by Zoom

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Convened by Dr Ian Cawood

University of Stirling

in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Corruption

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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.

Please pre-register your interest with b.whitty@sussex.ac.uk so we can manage the numbers.

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