Conference Programme (all times in CEST)

International Workshop: Eighty Years of “The Lion and the Unicorn” – Society and Identity in Great Britain since World War II
11 – 12 June 2021 (online via Zoom)

Friday, 11 June 2021:

10.30 – 11.30 am
Welcome by the organisers / Social gathering in Breakout Rooms
Introduction by Nikolai Wehrs (Konstanz)

11.30 am – 1.00 pm
Keynote by Peter Mandler (Cambridge): What (and When) Is "National Identity"? The History of an Idea in British Public Discourse since 1945
Introduction & Moderation: Almuth Ebke (Mannheim)

1.00 – 2.00 pm
Lunch break (optional: informal talks in Breakout Rooms)

2.00 – 3.30 pm
Chair: Daniel Larsen (Cambridge)
Stephen E. Foose (Marburg): The British Passport – An Object of Identification between National and Imperial Belonging in England and Jamaica, 1948-1962
Isabelle-Christine Panreck (Dresden): Englishness, Scottishness and Britishness in the Curriculum. How Discourses on National Identity Shape “Citizenship Education” in the UK
Comment: Emily Robinson (Sussex)

3.30 – 4.00 pm
Tea and Coffee (optional: informal talks in Breakout Rooms)

4.00 – 5.30 pm
Panel II: “Empire Builders Reduced to Clerks”? The Experience of Decolonization
Chair: Martin Rempe (Konstanz)
Theo Williams (Durham): Pan-Africanism, George Orwell, and reconciling anti-imperialism with British patriotism
Lena Jur (Marburg): Children of Decolonization – Adoptions of coloured children in the United Kingdom, ca. 1948-1980
Comment: Julia Angster (Mannheim)
6.00 – 7.30 pm
**Roundtable: The Orwell factor – British Intellectuals and the issue of collective identity since World War II**
Chair: Anja Hartl (Konstanz)
Stefan Collini (Cambridge)
Charlotte Lydia Riley (Southampton)
Peter Stansky (Stanford)

**Saturday, 12 June 2021:**

9.00 – 10.30 am
Chair: Sven Reichardt (Konstanz)
Sina Schuhmaier (Mannheim): *Competing Stories – On the ‘Englishness’ of British Popular Music*
Comment: Dietmar Süß (Augsburg)

10.30 – 11.00 am
*Tea and Coffee (optional: informal talks in Breakout Rooms)*

11.00 am – 12.30 pm
**Panel IV: “The English Revolution” – British Democracy, Brexit and the Question of Sovereignty**
Chair: Sina Steglich (London)
Mathias Häußler (Regensburg): *Little Britain or Great Europe? British attitudes towards EC membership prior to 1973*
Robert Saunders (London): "Losing Sovereignty": Democracy and Identity on the Road to Brexit
Comment: Martina Steber (München)

12.30 – 13.00 pm
**Final Discussion**
*Input by Almuth Ebke (Mannheim)*

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