
The Royal Society of Edinburgh in partnership with the British Academy Scotland and the United Kingdom

Friday 27 April at the Royal Society of Edinburgh

Speakers will include: **Karen Henderson**, University of Leicester; **Professor John Coakley**, University College Dublin; **Dr Lubomír Lízal**, Czech National Bank; **Professor Colin Kidd**, Queens University Belfast and **Roger Gough**, Kent County Council

The conference, to be held in London and Edinburgh, is intended to bring further academic evidence and analysis to bear on the current debates on Scotland's relationship with the rest of the United Kingdom, and to inform and challenge the discussions both inside Scotland and in Westminster about the future of this relationship.

Full programme overleaf

Venue

The Royal Society of Edinburgh
22-26 George Street
Edinburgh
EH2 2PQ

Attendance fee: £100

Concessionary fee: £40*

*Available to students, academics, RSE Fellows and retired people. Limited places available.

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0131 240 2780

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Programme

Friday 27 April 2012

09:30 **Registration and coffee**

10:00 **RSE Welcome**
Sir John Arbuthnott MRIA FRSE
President, The Royal Society of Edinburgh

10:05 **Introduction and Overview**
Professor Alice Brown CBE FRSE
General Secretary, Royal Society of Edinburgh

**Session 1: Independence: Challenges
Politics**

10:15 **The Division of Czechoslovakia: Political Aspects**
Karen Henderson
Senior Lecturer, Department of Politics and International Relations,
University of Leicester

10:45 **Ireland from 1920**
Professor John Coakley
Director, Institute for British-Irish Studies, University College Dublin

11:15 **Tea and Coffee**

**Session 2: Independence: Challenges
Economics**

11:45 **The Splitting-up of Czechoslovakia**
Dr Lubomír Lízal
Member of the Bank Board, Czech National Bank

12:15 **Currency Options**
Christopher Allsopp CBE
Director, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies

12:45 **Q&A for Session 1 and 2**

Scotland and the United Kingdom

13.20 **Lunch**

Session 3: The Union: Challenges

14:20 **The Meanings of Union in Scottish Political Culture, 1912-2012**
Professor Colin Kidd
Professor of Intellectual History and the History of Political Thought,
Queens University Belfast

14.50 **The Welfare Union in 21C**
Professor Daniel Wincott
JLS Chair, Cardiff Law School

Session 4: Greater Devolution: Challenges

15.20 **What About the English: Representation and the West Lothian Question**
Roger Gough
Cabinet Member for Business Strategy, Performance and Health Reform,
Kent County Council

15.50 **Equity in Spending in a Continuing UK**
Professor Gerald Holtham
Visiting Professor, Cardiff Business School

16.20 **Q&A for Session 3 and 4**

16:55 **Closing remarks**
Sir John Arbuthnott MRIA FRSE
President, The Royal Society of Edinburgh

17:00 **Close**

Further information about the London event, which will take place on Tuesday 28 February at the British Academy is available at

www.britac.ac.uk/events/2012/Scotland_and_the_United_Kingdom.cfm

