



Breaking the Glass Chamber: Women, Politics and Parliament, 1945-1997
15th-17th September 2022 (Revised 14 September 2022)

Thursday 15th September

9.30-9.55: Tea (Graduate Centre Foyer)

10.00-10.10: (Peston Lecture Theatre)

Welcome: Lyndsey Jenkins

Opening Remarks: Rushanara Ali, MP

10.10-11.10: Keynote Lecture (Peston Lecture Theatre)

Laura Beers: 'Women Politicians or Women's Politics?'

Chair: Patrick Diamond

11.15-13.00: Panel 1

GC101	Local Politics (Chair: Anna Muggeridge)
Jim Tomlinson, Glasgow	Florence Horsbrugh MP: from "women's town" to Cabinet Minister
Micaela Panes, Cardiff	End of an Era? Working-Class Women's Political Activism in South Wales, 1945-1970
Nico Blackstock, QMUL	Gateways to Participation?: Women and Extra-Parliamentary Political Activism during the Northern Irish Troubles

Peston Lecture Theatre	Activism and the Women's Liberation Movement (Chair: Ruth Davidson)
Sarah Crook, Swansea	A Laughing Matter? Humour and politics in the British women's liberation movement
Jessica White, Liverpool	Housewives present the petition!: discourses of race, class and citizenship in women's tenants' activism in the 1970s
Olivia Wyatt, QMUL	Caribbean women and the politics of community in Leeds
Rose Debenham, Birmingham	History-making at Greenham Women's Peace Camp, 1981-2000

13.00-13.45: Lunch (Graduate Centre Foyer)

13.45-14.45: Keynote Lecture (Peston Lecture Theatre)

Farah Hussain: 'Muslim Women in the Labour Party: An Intersectional Case Study'

Chair: Karl Pike

14.45-15.30: Caroline Slocock in conversation with Emily Stacey (Peston Lecture Theatre)

'Margaret Thatcher: What Can We Learn?'

15.30-16.00: Tea (Graduate Centre Foyer)

16.00-17.00: Lesley Abdela and Frances Scott in conversation (Peston Lecture Theatre)

'A Woman's Place is in the House'

Chair: Lyndsey Jenkins

17.00-18.15: Round Table (Peston Lecture Theatre)

'The Future of Women in Politics'

Zainab Asanramu (Elect Her)

Anna McGovern (Queen Mary University of London Conservative Society)

Rachel Blake (Labour, Tower Hamlets Councillor)

Rabina Khan (Liberal Democrats)

Jemima Olchawski (Fawcett Society)

Elena Scherbatykh (Women's Equality Party)

Frances Scott (50:50 Parliament)

Chair: Farah Hussain

Friday 16 September (Graduate Centre)

9.30-9.55: Tea (Graduate Centre Foyer)

10.00-11.00: Discussion (Peston Lecture Theatre)

Clarisse Berthèzene and Julie Gottlieb: 'Continuities and Change in British Conservative Women's Policies and Practice'.

Chair: Jacqui Turner

11.00-12.00: Panel Discussion (Peston Lecture Theatre)

Emma Peplow and Priscila Pivatto, History of Parliament Trust's Oral History Project, with comment by Sarah Childs and Mari Takayanagi
'Outsiders on the Inside: Reflections from Women Parliamentarians'

12.00-12.45: Lunch (Graduate Centre Foyer)

12.45-14.25: Panel 2

Seminar Room GC201	Gender Equalities at Work: Campaigning and Legislating 1964-1997 (Chair: Louise Jackson)
Louise Jackson, Edinburgh	Campaigning and Legislating for Gender Equalities at work
Frances Galt, UWE	The Equal Pay Act 1970 and women-led industrial disputes
Ashlee Christofferson, Edinburgh	The whiteness of 'sex discrimination': a historical antiracist analysis of UK gender equality legislation
Sophie Ayada, UCL	Resisting sex equality: protecting the status quo from and in anti-discrimination law

Seminar Room GC101	Parliamentary practices and government roles (Chair: Emma Peplow)
Anna Bocking-Welch (Liverpool), Richard Huzzey (Durham), Cristina Leston-Bandeira (Leeds), Henry Miller (Durham)	Signatures of Citizenship: Women and Petitioning 1945-1997
Mari Takayanagi, Parliamentary Archives	Women in Parliamentary Delegations: Muriel Nichol and Elaine Burton
Charlotte Lydia Riley, Southampton	"A competent efficient woman" or "emotional and occasionally savage?" Women and British overseas development policy

Seminar Room GC222	Alternative channels: Women's networks and political change (Chair: Cait Beaumont)
Anna Muggeridge, Worcester	'The fall of yet another pinnacle in the toppling structure of so-called masculine superiority?': women's experiences of local government, 1945-1960
Helen Glew, Westminster	Women's organisations and support for the married woman worker in Britain in the late 1940s and 1950s
Ruth Davidson, QMUL	Maternity Alliance: Women in pressure groups and feminist campaigns, 1979-1997

'Ask the expert' session for students taking place in the Peston Lecture Theatre 1-2pm

14.30-15.45: Round Table (Peston Lecture Theatre)

Reflections on Parliamentary Careers

Dame Margaret Hodge (MP for Barking and Dagenham, 1994-present)
 Baroness (Estelle) Morris of Yardley (MP for Birmingham Yardley, 1992-2005)
 The Baroness (Dawn) Primarolo (MP for Bristol South, 1987-2015)
 Chair: Ruth Davidson

15.45-16.15: Tea (Graduate Centre Foyer)

16.15-17.15: Keynote Lecture (Peston Lecture Theatre)

Khursheed Wadia: 'Becoming Muslim women becoming political'
 Chair: Anna Muggeridge

17.15-18.15: Lecture (Peston Lecture Theatre)

Mary Honeyball, on *Edith Summerskill: The Life and Times of a Pioneering Feminist Labour MP* (Bloomsbury, 2022)
 Chair: Lyndsey Jenkins

Drinks Reception: Graduate Centre Foyer

Saturday 17 September (Graduate Centre)

9.30-9.55: Tea (Graduate Centre Foyer)

10.00-10.45 'Women's political careers in Britain and around the world' (Peston Lecture Theatre)

Sofia Collignon, Queen Mary, University of London and Minna Cowper-Coles, King's College London
With contribution from Anthony Pepe, Women Political Leaders

10.50-12.20: Panel 3

Peston Lecture Theatre	The Changing Nature of Parliament (Chair: Micaela Panes)
Gillian Murphy, LSE	"The world is your home: why housewives want women in Parliament": Women for Westminster
David Swift, Independent Scholar	Using the F-Word in Parliament: Female Parliamentarians and 'Feminism', 1945-1997
Duncan Sutherland, Independent Scholar	Ladies in a Lords' House: Women in the House of Lords, 1958-1997

Seminar Room GC201	Political Parties and Cultures (Chair: Richard Johnson)
Ellie Lowe, Cambridge	"The right hand and the left hand": political marriage in postwar Britain 1945-1970
Colm Murphy, QMUL	"The potential and pitfalls of 'catching up': Labour women and discourses of 'modernisation', 1982-1997"
Emma Lundin, Malmo	Homosociality and double militancy: women's lobbies, gender quotas and the gatekeeping strategies of male-dominated parties

12.20-13.00: Lunch (Graduate Centre Foyer)

13.05-14.25: Panel 4

Peston Lecture Theatre	Northern Irish Politics (Chair: Colm Murphy)
Miren Mohrenweiser, QUB	Troubled Mothers: Maternal Activism and the Republican Counterpublic During the Northern Ireland Troubles
Charitini Ntini, Independent Scholar	'Daughters of Ireland': The activity of women Active Service members in the Provisional IRA, 1968-1998
Aine McKenny, Brighton	Redefining Political Participation: Displaying Women's Experiences of the Northern Ireland Conflict in Exhibitions

Seminar Room GC101	Elections and Referenda (Chair: Rose Debenham)
Peter Edge, Oxford Brookes	Women candidates for election to the House of Keys
Richard Johnson, QMUL	Women against the Common Market: The Lost Ladies of British Euroscepticism
Tom Chidwick, QMUL	'Good Girls Say No': Campaigning for and against a Scottish Assembly

Seminar Room GC201	Struggles for equality (Chair: Helen Glew)
Jane Berney, Independent Scholar	'The arbitrary nature of the structure of taxation of married persons': Ethel Watts, the Fawcett Society and the political campaign for equality in the tax system
Anne Locker, IET	'A wonderful flair for publicity': Dame Caroline's Haslett's campaigns for women in industry 1945-1955
Grace Heaton, Oxford	'God is an Equal Opportunities Employer – Pity about the Church': Humour and the campaign for women's ordination in the Church of England

14.30-15.30: Keynote Lecture (Peston Lecture Theatre)

Sarah Childs: '(New) Labour Women MPs: the Feminization of British Politics'

Chair: Tom Chidwick

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