



**The Transformation of Urban Britain Since 1945**  
**A Conference Organised by the Centre for Urban History**  
**Stamford Court, Manor Road, Oadby, Leicester, 9-10 July 2013**

**Provisional Programme**

**Tuesday 9 July**

0900-1000	Arrival/ Registration	
1000-1100 <b>Key Note</b>	Welcome, Simon Gunn (Leicester) Frank Mort (Manchester) <i>Victorian Urban Imaginaries in the 1950s and 1960s.</i>	
1100-1130	Coffee	
1130-1300 <b>Panel Sessions</b>	<u>Legacies of Post-War Planning</u>  Peter Larkham and David Adams (Birmingham City) <i>Re-shaping the post-war city: re-planning, rebuilding, revaluing</i>  Stefan Goebel (Kent) <i>The Legacy of 'Coventration': rebuilding a city, remembering the war</i>  Otto Saumarez Smith (Cambridge) <i>The Joint Urban Planning Group, 1960s</i>	<u>Policing and the Birth of the Cybernetic City</u>  Chris Williams (Open University) <i>Police communication in the 'data bank society': MADE and PEDEX in the early 1970s</i>  Ben Taylor <i>CCTV and the cybernetic city: the rise of the traffic computer in 1970s London</i>

	<p><u>Estates and Communities</u>  Antony Lockley (Manchester Met, Chair)</p> <p>James Greenhalgh (Manchester)  <i>Consuming communities: the neighbourhood unit and shopping facilities on the housing estates of post-war Manchester and Hull 1945-1957</i></p> <p>Paula Chorlton (Manchester)  <i>Inner city suburban living: From Radburn New Jersey to Plymouth Grove, Manchester</i></p> <p>Alistair Kefford (Manchester)  <i>Planning for affluence: consumption and citizenship on the Seacroft Estate, Leeds</i></p>	<p>Inga Kroener  <i>Policing and CCTV in Britain to 1984</i></p>
1300-1400	LUNCH	
1400-1530 <b>Panel Sessions</b>	<p><u>The Politics of the Urban Environment</u></p> <p>Andrew McClelland (Ulster)  <i>The Battle for 'old' Belfast: tracing conservation legislation in Northern Ireland</i></p> <p>Matti Hannikainen (Helsinki)  <i>The greening of London from the 1940sto the 1980s</i></p> <p>Viola Ruhse (Bremen)  <i>The rise of graffiti and street art culture and its instrumentalisation for city marketing</i></p> <p><u>Urban Campaigning</u></p> <p>Krista Cowman (Lincoln)</p>	<p><u>New Urban Mobilities</u></p> <p>Colin Pooley (Lancaster)  <i>Private transport in urban Britain</i></p> <p>Matthew Parker (Leicester)  <i>The motor car and environmental concerns in Birmingham 1960-1980</i></p> <p>Richard Harrison (Leicester)  <i>Imagining the future of city traffic: urban transport and technology in 1960s Britain</i></p>

	<p><i>Campaigns for urban play streets c.1950-1970</i></p> <p>Daisy Payling (Birmingham) <i>There's something about Sheffield: activism, local government and left-wing solidarity in the 1980s</i></p> <p>Jay James May (York) <i>The visual politics of public housing</i></p>	
1530-1550	Coffee/Tea	
1550-1720 <b>Panel Sessions</b>	<p><u>Corruption</u></p> <p>Peter Jones (Leicester) <i>Corruption in Glasgow, 1945-1999</i></p> <p>John Griffiths (Northumbria) <i>T. Dan Smith: a case for the defence</i></p> <p>Sir Peter Soulsby (Mayor of Leicester) <i>Life on the Audit Commission: an insider's view</i></p>	<p><u>Old Towns, New Towns</u></p> <p>Adam Page (Sheffield) <i>Defence and development: the fear of future air war in reconstruction and planning after the Second World War</i></p> <p>Sam Wetherall (Berkeley) <i>Enterprise Zones and counter cultural urban planning</i></p> <p>Martin Farr (Newcastle) <i>Urban Planning, Thatcherism and transatlantic policy process</i></p>
1730-1830 <b>Keynote</b>	<p>John Gold (Oxford Brooks) <i>British urban renewal, 1951 -1970</i></p>	
1830	Reception	
1930	Dinner	
<b>Wednesday 10 July</b>		
0900 – 1000 <b>Keynote</b>	<p>Selina Todd (Oxford) <i>Working-class community in the 1950s</i></p>	
1000 – 1130 <b>Panel Sessions</b>	<p><u>Urban deprivation 1960-80</u></p> <p>Peter Shapely (Bangor)</p>	<p><u>Vocation, religion and the city</u></p> <p>Hannah Neate (Central Lancashire) and Ruth Craggs (Hull)</p>

	<p><i>Action-research programmes, 1968-77: defining and re-defining the problems and solutions</i></p> <p>John Davis (Oxford) <i>The 1960s rediscovery of poverty</i></p> <p>John Welshman (Lancaster) <i>Troubled families: discourse, policy and intervention 1945-2013</i></p>	<p><i>Post-colonial careering, colonial administrators and the management of British New Towns 1946-1966</i></p> <p>Neil Armstrong (Teeside) <i>Churches and the community</i></p> <p>Angela Connelly (Manchester) <i>Methodist Church Building</i></p>
1130-1200	Coffee	
1200-1300	<u>Modernism and the Politics of Preservation</u>	
<b>Round Table</b>	TBC	
1300-1400	LUNCH	
1400-1530	<u>Housing and Community(part 2)</u>	<u>Imagining Renewal</u>
<b>Panel Sessions</b>	<p>Stefan Ramsden (Hull) <i>Working-class communities in an age of affluence –patterns of sociality in a Yorkshire town</i></p> <p>Andrew Jackson (Bishop Grossteste) <i>Doing post-war council estate history in Lincoln: spatial theories, new technologies, community engagement and knowledge transfer</i></p> <p>Ian Waites (Lincoln) <i>Ghost Playparks and ghost bus stops: the archaeological traces of a provincial post-war English council estate</i></p>	<p>Richard Brook (Manchester Met) <i>Renewal and regionality: Cruickshank and Seward in Manchester</i></p> <p>John Barry (Cambridge) <i>Expanded towns – the forgotten alternative?</i></p> <p>Caterina Benincasa (Huddersfield) <i>Liverpool and the 1951 Festival of Britain</i></p>
1530-1600	Coffee	
1600-1700	Guy Ortolano (New York University)	
<b>Keynote</b>	<i>Exporting Britain's new towns 1976-1985</i>	
1700-1730	Concluding comments	
1730	Depart	