Religion and the Political Imagination

Old Combination Room, St Catharine’s College, 25 July
Saltmarsh Rooms, King’s College, Cambridge, 26 July

25-26 July 2006

Schedule

Tuesday 25 July 2006

13.00-14.00 Lunch (St Catharine’s College SCR)

Joint session with:
Religion and the State in Pre-Modern Europe: Conversion
Introduction: Professor Gareth Stedman Jones (University of Cambridge)

Session I

14.00-14.30 Coexistence, Cosmopolitanism and the City: A Study of Odessa and Bukhara
A report of progress to date
Caroline Humphrey (University of Cambridge)
Vera Skvirskaya (University of Cambridge)

14.30-16.00 ‘Toleration, coexistence and conversion’
Chair: Professor Miri Rubin (Queen Mary, University of London)
Ingrid Creppell (George Washington University)
Ben Kaplan (University College, London)
Response from Ira Katznelson (Columbia University)

16.00-16.30 Tea

16.30-18.00 Final Session of Religion and the State V and future planning

19.00 Pre-dinner drinks - Main Court, St. Catherine’s College

19.30 Dinner, Senior Combination Room, St. Catharine’s College
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Session II
9.15-11.00 ‘Strong Religions’ : what’s left of the secularisation thesis?
Chair: Miles Taylor (University of York)
Michael O’Brien (University of Cambridge)
Sudipta Kaviraj (SOAS, University of London)

11.00-11.15 Coffee

Session III
11.15-13.00 The Enlightenment, the late eighteenth century revolutions and their aftermath
Chair: Chris Clark (University of Cambridge)
Emile Perreau-Saussine (University of Cambridge)
David Thompson (University of Cambridge)
Gareth Stedman Jones (University of Cambridge)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Session IV
14.00-16.00 1848, Darwin and after
Chair: Gareth Stedman Jones (University of Cambridge)
Chris Clark (University of Cambridge)
Ruth Harris (University of Oxford)
Geoffrey Hosking (University College, London)
Eugenio Biagini (University of Cambridge)

16.00-16.30 Tea

Session V
16.30-18.00 The 1960s onwards
Chair: Ira Katznelson (Columbia University)
Jytte Klausen (Brandeis University)
Sara Silvestri (University of Cambridge)

Concluding Session
18.15-19.15 Religion and Constitutional Change
Chair: Eugenio Biagini (University of Cambridge)
Miles Taylor (University of York)
Anat Scolnicov (University of Cambridge)
Istvan Hont (University of Cambridge) -
Summary of Discussion/Closing Remarks

19.45 Drinks and Dinner in the Saltmarsh Rooms, King’s College