

The Miners' Strike, 30 Years On

Saturday 29 March, 9.45am-4.30pm

**Anatomy Lecture Theatre, 6th level, King's Building, Strand Campus
King's College London, WC2R 2LS**

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To mark the 30th anniversary of the 1984-85 miners' strike, H&P's Trade Union Forum and the British Universities' Industrial Relations Association (BUIRA) will host a public conference. Leading figures at the time, historians and legal scholars will reflect on the causes, course and consequences of the strike for unions, the state and the law in Britain today.

Registration and coffee from 9.15am, Chapters, 2nd level, King's Building

9.30am: Welcome and introduction, Anatomy Lecture Theatre, 6th floor, King's Building

Panel 1: 9.45am–11.30am ~ The dispute

Ian Lavery, National President of the NUM, 2002-2010; MP for Wansbeck

Terry Thomas, Vice President of the NUM, South Wales Area, during the strike

Nicky Wilson, National President of the NUM, 2010-current

Professor David Howell, Professor of Politics, Department of Politics, University of York

Chair: John Edmonds, General Secretary of the GMB, 1986-2003

11.30-11.45am ~ Coffee break, Chapters

Panel 2: 11.45am–1.15pm ~ The strike, society and the media

Betty Cook and Anne Scargill, supporters' groups

Professor Peter Ackers, Professor of Industrial Relations & Labour History, School of Business and Economics, University of Loughborough

Nick Jones, BBC industrial and political correspondent, 1972-2002

Chair: Dr Lucy Delap, Reader in Twentieth Century British History and Director of H&P, King's College London

1.15pm-2pm ~ Lunch (sandwiches and tea/coffee), Chapters

2pm–2.45pm: In conversation with ~

The Right Hon. Lord Kinnock, Leader of the Labour Party, 1983-1992, with **Nick Jones**

Chair: John Edmonds

2.45pm-3pm ~ Break

Panel 3: 3pm–4pm ~ Implications of the strike for state and law

Professor Keith Ewing, Professor of Public Law, King's College

The Right Hon. Lord Monks, TUC General Secretary, 1993-2003

Robert Taylor, Labour Editor of *The Observer*, 1976-1987

Chair: Dr Jim Moher, National Legal Secretary, National Communications Union (NCU) & Communication Workers Union (CWU), 1985-2006

4pm–4.30pm: Reflections ~

Dr Alastair Reid, Fellow of Girton College, Cambridge, and co-founder of H&P

Professor Michael Gold, Professor of Comparative Employment Relations, Royal Holloway University of London

This conference is open to all on a fee paying, first come first serve, basis. Tickets - £7 per person including refreshments – must be booked in advance via <http://bit.ly/1h4mKKG>

Please note, this conference is expected to be popular and places are limited due to room capacity. **Booking will close on 17 March.** The event will be recorded. For more information, please email: historyandpolicy@kcl.ac.uk



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