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**Newbattle Abbey College and The Scottish Historical Review**  
**THE DECLARATION OF ARBROATH 1320–2020**  
**International Conference**

at  
Newbattle Abbey College  
Newbattle Road, Dalkeith, near Edinburgh, EH22 3LL  
Thursday 22 April to Saturday 24 April 2021

**PROGRAMME**

*(may be subject to change)*

**Thursday 22 April**

- 4.00 – 6.00pm: **Arrival and registration**
- 6.10 – 6.30pm: **Welcome** by the college, the Scottish Historical Review and Scottish Government Minister, Graeme Dey
- 6.30 – 8.00pm: **Freedom and Nationalism in 1320 and 2020**  
All are welcome to the last in the current series of public Newbattle Conversations. Panel discussion chaired by Herald commentator, **Iain Macwhirter**, with participants including **Neal Ascherson**, journalist, historian and novelist.

**Friday 23 April**

- 10.00 – 11.30am: **The Declaration of Arbroath and the Wars of Scotland**  
Dr Fiona Watson  
*The Declaration of Arbroath: a Blow-by-Blow Account*  
Dr Jenny McHugh  
*The Declaration Betrayed? Alliance with English Forces in the Monastic Community of Arbroath and Elsewhere in the Second Wars of Independence*  
Dr Claire Hawes  
*The Community of the Realm: a Fifteenth-Century Perspective*
- 11.30 – 12.00pm: Break
- 12.00 – 1.00pm: **Keynote Lecture**  
Professor Stephane Péquignot (Sorbonne)  
*Without or Against the King: Communities as Actors of Diplomacy, Focusing on the Iberian Peninsula from the Thirteenth to the Fifteenth Century*
- 1.00 – 2.00pm: **Lunch**
- 2.00 – 3.30pm: **The Declaration's Afterlife: 1 – The Jacobites, the Union and Unionism**  
Professor Murray Pittock  
*The Declaration of Arbroath in Scottish Political Thought, 1689-1789*  
Professor Richard Finlay  
*The Declaration and Modern Politics*  
Interim discussion of conference themes
- 3.30 – 4.00pm: Break
- 4.00 – 5.00pm: **Genetics, Representation and Political Controversy**  
Graham S Holton and Alasdair F. Macdonald  
*The Men of the Declaration – Their Significance, Then and Now*  
Dr Laura Harrison  
*Defending the Declaration Against the Far-Right Today*
- 5.00 – 5.15pm: **Short break**

- 5.15 – 6.30pm: **Public Lecture**  
**Professor David Armitage (Harvard)**  
*1320, 1776, and All That: A Tale of Two “Declarations”.*
- 7.00pm for 7.30pm **Reception and conference dinner**  
(NB: all attendees will be welcome at the dinner on registration and appropriate payment – **please note places are limited**)

**Saturday 24 April**

- 9.30 – 10.30am: **Keynote Lecture**  
Dr Kylie Murray (Christ’s College, Cambridge)  
*The Making of the Declaration of Arbroath: Texts, Contexts and Traditions*
- 10.30 – 11.00am: Break
- 11.00 – 11.30pm: **Preserving the Declaration**  
Dr Alan Borthwick  
*Preserving the Declaration since the Eighteenth Century*
- 11.30 – 11.35pm: Pause
- 11.35 – 1.05pm: **... and Dynamising It\***  
Dr Alice Taylor  
*The COTR AHRC Research Project, the Declaration and the Dynamic Edition*  
Professor Dauvit Broun  
*The Dynamic Edition of the Declaration of Arbroath*  
Dr Matthew Hammond  
*The People of the Declaration: insights from Social Network Analysis*  
(\*This session will be of particular general interest: it will include the public launch of the digitally-accessible edition of the Declaration of Arbroath created by the Arts and Humanities Research Council-supported project, *The community of the realm in Scotland, 1249-1424: history, law and charters in a recreated kingdom*: see [www.cotr.ac.uk](http://www.cotr.ac.uk).)
- 1.05 – 2.10pm: **Lunch**
- 2.10 – 3.10pm: **Keynote lecture**  
Professor Seán Duffy (Trinity College, Dublin)  
*Who Do You Think You Are? Tracing the Declaration’s Irish Ancestry*
- 3.10 – 3.15pm: Pause
- 3.15 – 4.15pm: **English Influence; Influence in English**  
Scott Dempsey  
*A Scottish Doctrine of Capacities? The Influence of English Constitutional Thought on the Declaration of Arbroath*  
Professor Roger Mason  
*The Declaration Translated into English and Its Role in 1689*
- 4.15 – 4.30 pm: Short Break
- 4.30 – 6.00 pm: **The Declaration’s Afterlife: 2 – The Enlightenment, the Radicals and Sir Walter**  
Professor Edward Cowan  
*The Enlightenment Discovery of the Declaration.*  
Dr Michael Penman  
*The Declaration of Arbroath and Scotland’s Failed Radical War.*  
Professor Christopher Harvie  
*Sir Walter Scott’s Striking Omission*
- 6.00 – c.6.30pm: Summation and conclusion of conference

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