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Conferences

1995 COMMONWEALTH FUND CONFERENCE,
University College, University of London, UK
17–18 February

The theme of the 1995 conference will be 'American Exceptionalism?: US Working-class Formation in an International Context'. Comparative discussions will contrast class formation in the US, Europe and South Africa. Sessions will focus on the invention of exceptionalist paradigms, race and religion as factors in class formation, alternatives to nation-centred history, and military mobilisation and working-class behaviour. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Ira Katznelson (Columbia University, New York City). Participation by graduate students is encouraged; it is hoped that some financial assistance for them will be available. Details are available from either Dr Rick Halpern (e-mail ucahex@ucl.ac.uk) or Dr Jonathan Morris, Department of History, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT (fax 071 413 8394).

Stabilising Europe 1918–1945–1989: Three Post-War eras in comparison. University of Keele 31 March–1 April 1995

This is a major collaborative conference jointly organised by the German History Society, the Association for the Study of Modern Italy, the Association for the Study of Modern and Contemporary France, and with the assistance of the Goethe Institute, Manchester.

The conference is concerned with the process of stabilisation in Western Europe, both on an international and above all on the domestic level. Looking primarily at Germany, France and Italy but with a comparative interest in Britain and in the wider European dimension, the conference seeks to understand the origins and limits of post-1945 European stabilisation from the vantage points of the preceding and following post-war eras. How did such a stable and conflict-free European order emerge after the Second World War, and what were the foundations of prosperity and political stability in western European countries? Above all: why was the post-1945 era so much more successful than the inter-war period? And has the end of the Cold War fundamentally undermined the basis of the post-1945 settlement?

Speakers include: Charles Maier (keynote speaker), Serge Berstein, Christoph Buchheim, Niall Fergusson, Paul Furlong, Stephen Gundel, Bob Lumley, Alan Milward, Lutz Niethammer, Carola Sachse, Christopher Seton Watson and Pat Thane.

Places will be limited so to reserve your place and obtain further details (including special rates available for unwaged/post-graduates) contact:

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Annual Review of Britain

The Institute of Contemporary British History in London (for information on which see *Contemporary European History*, March 1992) has just published *Contemporary Britain: An Annual Review 1994*. As the editor, Dr Peter Catterall, explains in the preface, 'The object of this volume is not just to provide a factual digest and guide to contemporary Britain, though it does that. It is to record the events and debates which have shaped economic, social and political developments over the past year, and to analyse the way in which these issues were dealt with and why. Through some 40 essays it offers not only a detailed and authoritative portrait of Britain in 1993, but an in-depth assessment of current trends and, no less important, future prospects and priorities. Each essay is supported by a chronology recording the significant events and the development of policy debates in all areas of British life over the past year.' The volume is the fifth in a series which began in 1989. It is an invaluable volume for those involved with contemporary British history or politics, including social and foreign policy. ISBN 0 9523210 0 9. £35. Copies can be obtained by writing to Virginia Preston, the ICBH, 50 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PQ.

New Specialist Bibliography

The UFR d'Histoire, Université Michel de Montaigne-Bordeaux, has produced a new bibliography of the nineteenth- and twentieth-century economic history of the south-west of France. Entitled *Répertoire Bibliographique de l'Histoire Economique de l'Aquitaine* and edited by Hubert Bonin, it is organised by subject, by geography and by century; at the end there is a short list of work in progress, followed by an invitation by Bonin: 'Cette liste peut-être incomplète; chaque lecteur et animateur de recherches est invité, par conséquent, à faire part de ses remarques à Hubert Bonin, maitre de conférences d'histoire économique contemporaine (UFR d'Histoire, Université Michel de Montaigne-Bordeaux 3, 33405 Talence Cedex [France]).'