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## Conferences

THE COMMONWEALTH FUND CONFERENCE 1966,  
at University College London, 16–17 February 1996  
Theme: The United States and Europe since 1945

Friday 16 February

*Economic Pressures in the Alliance*

Alan Dobson, Economic Leverage: US Airline Policy and Diplomacy towards Europe

Fiona Venn, International Co-operation versus National Self-Interest: The United States and Europe during the 1973–74 Oil Crisis

*Co-operation or Control?*

Frank Costigliola, The 'Nuclear Family': Tropes of Gender and Pathology in the Western Alliance

*The Commonwealth Fund Lecture*

Geir Lundestad, The US and European Integration since 1945

Saturday 17 February

*The Defence Relationship*

Beatrice Heuser, Who Controls the Button? The Development of NATO's Nuclear Strategy

Lawrence Freedman and John Gearson, European Defence and the Nassau Negotiations

*Towards a United States of Europe: Do Personalities Make a Difference?*

Pascaline Winand, European Insiders Working inside Washington

Klaus Schwabe, Washington Working with Europeans

*What About the Special Relationship?*

Alex Danchev, On Specialness: The Anglo-American Relationship

Gottfried Niedhart, US, Germany and Ostpolitik: Who Was in Control?

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A CONTEMPORARY HISTORY CONFERENCE,  
at the University of Sussex, 2–4 July 1996

Theme: Reconstructing the family, society and the law in southern Europe 1945–1950  
Call for Papers

What happens when wars end? How do people rebuild their lives and communities? The ending of the Second World War, together with the civil wars which accompanied it, provide the historian with a rich terrain in which to explore these questions.

In addition to the history of post-war state policies of reconstruction and repression, scholars are also starting to conduct research at a more local and intimate level.

The themes to be explored at this conference are envisaged as follows:

- The reconstitution of the family, including psychological after-effects of wartime loss and separation; coping with absence; the search for missing persons; the care of orphans; love affairs and marriages within small communities and their socio-political implications;
- Settling scores – whether through ‘rough justice’, denunciations or trials; the nature of courtroom proceedings and judicial procedure as a social phenomenon; the role of the police in the immediate post-war period;
- Wartime property transfers and their post-war repercussions, including the scale and prevalence of looting; the role of the legal system in redressing wartime expropriations; the fate of war profiteers and blackmailers; the plight of returning Jewish survivors and the question of the restoration of their homes and shops after 1945.

The focus of this conference is the locality, understood as any level of the community – from the village to the city – below that of the state.

Proposals are invited from scholars working on Spain, France, Italy, Greece and Yugoslavia. We wish to encourage the participation of younger scholars and postgraduate students as well as well-established figures. Proposals for papers should take the form of abstracts of 250–500 words.

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### Seminar

The Higher Institute of Labour Studies (HIVA) at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven is organising an interdisciplinary seminar on *Nationalist and Regionalist Dilemmas for Collective Action*, due to take place in Leuven or Brussels on 7–8 December 1995. The seminar will investigate issues pertaining to the nationalist and regionalist challenges and dilemmas which confront European labour movements and is intended to provide a context for discussion of the labour movement’s international co-operation and identity formation.

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