

NUS-Churchill College Cambridge Symposium: Churchill and The Lion City: Shaping Modern Singapore

NUS and Churchill College Cambridge will jointly present a one day symposium to revisit historical problems and questions relating to the career of Winston Churchill and the relationship between Britain and Singapore, with particular reference to problems of defence and foreign policy.

Eight historians of international standing will present papers dealing with various aspects of these themes, and the Director of the Churchill Archives Centre will present a paper on the holdings of his institution. Presenters will be asked to deliver papers that draw on archival evidence to revisit and synthesize the topic they discuss, and the relevant literature.

The proceedings will be published by NUS Press, in a volume that will stand as a significant reassessment of the UK-Singapore relationship during the twentieth century.

All are welcome. Registration is required but admission is free. Please contact [Shirley Koh](#)

NUS Cultural Centre Theatre, Friday 9 April 2010

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| 08:30 | Registration |
| 09:00 | Welcome Remarks Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, President, NUS Sir David Wallace, Master, Churchill College, Cambridge University |
| 09:15 - 10:30 | Panel 1: Aftermath: Cold War and Southeast Asia Malcolm Murfett "The implications of British withdrawal from East of Suez, 1968-71" Ang Cheng Guan "Lee Kuan Yew's Strategic Thought: The First Cold War Years" |
| 10:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:00-12:30 | Panel 2: Churchill, Singapore and Empire into World War II Piers Brendon "What the Empire meant to Churchill, 1895-1940" Brian Farrell "Churchill and Imperial Defence 1926-1940: putting Singapore in perspective?" |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 14:00 | Churchill Archives Centre Presentation: Allen Packwood "The Archival Evidence" |
| 14:30 - 15:45 | Panel 3: Churchill, Singapore, Defeat and Repercussions Geoff Till "Churchill and the Singapore Strategy" Peter Edwards "Churchill, Singapore and Australian Strategy 1942-1950" |
| 15:45 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00-17:15 | Panel 4: Churchill, The Far East and the Cold War Richard Toye "Churchill and the loss of Empire, 1945-65" Jonathan Haslam "The Calcutta conference, Malayan emergency and Moscow strategy" |
| 17:15 | Closing Remarks |
| 17:45 | Reception |



Jonathan Haslam:

is a Professor of the History of International Relations at Cambridge University. Major published works include:

The Soviet Union and the Threat from the East (1992)

The Vices of Integrity: E.H. Carr 1892-1982 (2000)

No Virtue like Necessity: Realist Thought in International Relations

Since Machiavelli (2002)

Malcolm Murfett:

A British historian who has been teaching European history at NUS since 1980. His research interests include naval history and the history of international relations. Major published works include:

Fool Proof Relations: The Search for Anglo-American Naval

Cooperation during the Chamberlain Years (1984)

Between Two Oceans: A Military History of Singapore (1999)

Naval Warfare 1919-1945 (2008)



Allen Packwood:

Has been Director of the Churchill Archives Centre since 2002, its first full time Director. Published works include:

Churchill and the Great Republic (2004)

Geoffrey Till:

Born in London, 14 January 1945, is a British naval historian and Professor of Maritime Studies in the Defence Studies Department of King's College London. Major published works include:

Air power and the Royal Navy, 1914-1945: a historical survey

(1979)

Modern sea power: an introduction (1987)

Seapower: a guide for the twenty-first century (2004)



Richard Toye:

is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History, University of Exeter, UK. His book *Lloyd George and Churchill: Rivals for*

Greatness was the winner of the Times Higher Young Academic Author of the Year Award in 2007.