

## The Speakers

The Conference focuses on the state of interest, research, publication and learning in Scottish History. We are delighted that the speakers are the leading figures in their respective fields. Here are brief descriptions of their careers, contributions and standings.

**Hugh Andrew** is the leading figure in the publication of Scottish history books. He is Managing Director of Edinburgh-based publishers Birlinn Ltd. Birlinn has a heavy commitment to publishing books on Scottish history, both for popular and academic markets (including under the imprint, John Donald), and has recently joined in the publication work of Dundee University Press. Birlinn is now responsible for all 10 volumes produced in association with the Distance Learning in Scottish History courses run by the History Programme at Dundee in a collaborative programme with the Open University.

**Professor T. M. Devine** is one of the most eminent of Scottish historians. His *The Scottish Nation 1700-2000* (2000) is widely-known, but he is the author and editor of some thirty other books on Scottish history. His research on the history of the Highlands, Scottish agricultural and early commercial development in eighteenth-century Scotland, has established his work as a cornerstone of the expanding field of Scottish history. His contributions to public debate about Scottish History has led to him sitting on or chairing many of the key organisations responsible for public and academic history in Scotland, including the National Museums of Scotland. He has held academic posts at Strathclyde, Aberdeen and Edinburgh Universities, being latterly University Research Professor in Scottish History, Director of the AHRC Research Centre in Irish and Scottish Studies and Glucksman Research Chair of Irish and Scottish Studies at Aberdeen. He joined Edinburgh University in January 2006. In 2001 he was presented with the Queen's Royal Gold Medal.

**Dr Ian Donnachie** is Reader in History at The Open University where he currently chairs a team developing a taught MA in Regional and Local History, covering both Britain and Ireland. Apart from the Dundee-OU *Scottish History* project, he has contributed to many OU courses in British and American history and to inter-disciplinary courses, including most recently *From Enlightenment to Romanticism c1780-1830*. He has published extensively

in economic and social history, much of it dealing with Scottish themes, and has also written an acclaimed biography of Robert Owen, the social reformer (Tuckwell Press, 2000; Birlinn, 2005). His *Historic New Lanark* (with George Hewitt, Edinburgh University Press, 1993, 1999) highlights a long-term association with heritage and museum projects. His continuing work on Owen and Owenism is internationally recognised through TV and radio documentaries and publications as far afield as China, Japan, Australia and the US.

**Professor Peter Hillis** is a leading figure in the teaching of History in Scottish schools, and is Professor of History Education at the University of Strathclyde. His teaching career started in 1978 at Vale of Leven Academy where he taught History and Modern Studies. He then moved to become Principal Teacher of History at Dumbarton Academy and thereafter to Gleniffer High School in Paisley where he was an Assistant Head Teacher. He moved to Jordanhill College of Education in 1992 (now the Faculty of Education of the University of Strathclyde). He is a past President of the Scottish Association of Teachers of History (SATH) and the past Principal Assessor in the Scottish Qualifications Authority for Intermediate 1 and 2 History. His main publications are a series of multimedia CD ROMs on themes within Scottish History. He has also published research on nineteenth-century Scottish Church History.

**Professor Chris Smout** is Scotland's most celebrated historian, and Historiographer Royal. He first taught in Scotland in 1959 when he joined the newly-formed department of Economic History at Edinburgh as assistant lecturer. He remained there, eventually becoming Professor of Economic History, until 1980, when he moved to the chair of Scottish History at St Andrews, starting a new department. His best known contributions have been to social history, notably *The History of the Scottish People* (1969) and *The Century of the Scottish People* (1986). He has also written extensively on demographic history and many aspects of economic history. Since the mid-1990s, he has developed the new discipline of environmental history in Scotland, giving the Ford Lectures in Oxford in 1999, published under the title of *Nature Contested, Environmental History in Scotland and Northern England since 1600*. His most recent publications in this field have been in woodland history. He served for 14 years on the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical

Monuments of Scotland, and he has been a member of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, of the Trustees of the National Museums of Scotland and of the board of Scottish Natural Heritage, where he was deputy chairman.

**Dr Fiona Watson** is best known for her pioneering broadcasts on television and radio of the History of Scotland. She was presenter of the acclaimed ten-part BBC Scotland television series, *In Search of Scotland* (2001), and also of two series of a *History File* for BBC Radio Scotland (1998) and of the 4-part series, *Voices from the Front*, also for BBC Radio Scotland (2000). She was senior lecturer at the Department of History, University of Stirling, 2000-6, and from 1999 to 2006 was Director of the AHRC Research Centre for Environmental History, at the Universities of Stirling and St Andrews. She has written extensively on Scottish history in books and articles, including *A History of the Native Woodlands of Scotland: 1500-1900* (with T.C. Smout and Alan R. MacDonald, Edinburgh University Press, 2005); *Scotland: A History* (Tempus Publishing Ltd., 2001, 2002, 2003); and *Under the Hammer: Edward I and Scotland, 1296-1305* (Tuckwell Press, 1998).

**Professor Chris Whatley** is one of Scotland's most eminent academic figures, and the leading historian of the Union of 1707. He is Vice-Principal and Head of College of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Dundee, where he has been Professor of Scottish History, and Dean of Faculty of Arts 2002-6. He has been engaged for three years (along with his Research Fellow, Dr Derek Patrick) on an extensive research project on the causes and circumstances of the Treaty of Union of 1707, which has just been published, to much acclaim, as *The Scots and the Union* (Edinburgh University Press, 2006). He has published extensively on Scottish History, including *The Scottish Salt Industry: An Economic and Social History* (1987), *The Industrial Revolution in Scotland* (1997) and *Scottish Society, 1707-1830: Beyond Jacobitism, towards industrialisation* (2000). He was also the pioneer along with Ian Donnachie of the Distance Learning Programme at Dundee. Chris is currently co-editor (with Elizabeth Foyster, Cambridge) of the four-volume *History of Everyday Life* series to be published by Edinburgh University Press in 2008-9.



# Three Hundred Years after the Union: The State of Scottish History

A one-day Conference  
University of Dundee  
Saturday 27 January  
2007



## Three Hundred Years after the Union: The State of Scottish History

The Treaty of Union between Scotland and England, inaugurated on 1 May 1707, remains a hugely controversial topic, with Scots divided over its causes and the consequences for Scotland. Numerous events and several important publications are planned to mark its three hundredth anniversary. What better time to review the state of Scottish history? We are announcing a significant event to be held at the University of Dundee, aimed at students, professionals and teachers, and those with a general interest in Scotland's past.

This will be a landmark conference on the place of history in Scottish life and teaching. The speakers are the most eminent in their fields. These include the Historiographer Royal Professor Christopher Smout, the well-known historian Professor Tom Devine, and the author of the authoritative new book *The Scots and the Union* Professor Chris Whatley. Also included in the line-up of speakers are: broadcaster Dr Fiona Watson; the leading publisher in Scottish history, Hugh Andrew (of Birlinn); a distinguished member of the History school-teaching profession, Professor Peter Hillis; and one of the pioneers of distance learning in Scottish History, Dr Ian Donnachie of the Open University. Each will discuss how Scottish History has changed as it has moved centre stage during discussions on the state of the Scottish nation in the last few decades.

The conference coincides with the launch of the complete ten-volume series of books *The Making of Scotland* co-produced by the University of Dundee and the Open University and to be published by Dundee University Press.

These volumes support two courses on the history of Scotland taught by distance learning to Open University and other students from Scotland and around the world. The first of these is *Modern Scottish History: 1707 to the Present* which has been taught since 1998. The second course, *Medieval and Early Modern Scotland 1100-1707*, comes on stream in February 2007. Copies of the course volumes – which can be read and enjoyed by independent readers, and used by teachers and lecturers in their own schools, colleges and universities – will be on display at the conference.

With the tercentenary of the Union about to be marked in May 2007, you are warmly invited to what will surely be a stimulating and unique occasion.

The conference fee of £25.00 includes lunch, coffee and tea. Early booking is recommended.

Please complete the enclosed booking form and return with payment to

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This is a provisional programme, and details of timing and speakers may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. The keynote speaker will be announced as soon as confirmed.

09.30 Registration

10.00 Keynote Speaker - to be announced

10.40 **Dr Fiona Watson**

Historian and broadcaster, Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Dundee

**Scottish History  
and the Broadcast Media**

11.15 Tea and Coffee

11.45 **Professor Peter Hillis**

University of Strathclyde and past president of Scottish Association of Teachers of History

**Scottish History in the Classroom**

12.15 **Dr Ian Donnachie** FRHistS FSAScot

Open University in Scotland, and co-founder of the Distance Learning in Scottish History Programme

**Distance Has No Meaning:  
The Dundee-OU Collaboration  
in Scottish History**

12.35 **Hugh Andrew**

Managing Director, Birlinn Ltd

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1.00 Lunch - A buffet lunch, including hot soup, is included in the price. It will be served in the Baxter Suite on the first floor above the entrance to the University Tower.

2.15 **Professor T C Smout** FRSE FBA CBE

Historiographer Royal in Scotland, Emeritus Professor at the University of St Andrews

**Scottish history in the universities since the 1950s - changing status, strategies and agendas**

3.00 **Professor C A Whatley** FRSE

Professor of Scottish History, and Vice Principal and Head of College of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Dundee

**The Union of 1707:  
The State of Historical Research**

3.45 Tea and Coffee

4.15 **Professor T M Devine**

OBE FRHistS FRSE Hon MRIA FBA  
Sir William Fraser Professor of Scottish History and Palaeography, University of Edinburgh

**The Legacy of Union:  
Its Impact on the World**

5.00 Close