New Labour: A Retrospective

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Venue: Woodhouse Room, Charles Wilson Building (4th floor)
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WORKSHOP AIMS
At home and abroad, the governments of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown undoubtedly left a mark on the UK – but did they leave the country better or worse off than when they came to office? As the Labour Party reinvents itself under the leadership of Ed Miliband, this is a timely moment at which to look back on thirteen years of New Labour’s governance of Britain. Themed around interventions by some of the most prominent insiders from the New Labour years, the aim of this workshop is to critically reflect on New Labour’s achievements in office: its successes, failures and the lessons that can be learned for the current Labour Party as it looks ahead to the 2015 general election.

Speakers have 10 minutes to introduce their topic area, setting the basis for lively onward discussion by addressing the following themes:

- What did New Labour try to achieve in the relevant area, and how?
- What was the overall balance sheet of achievements 1997-2010?
- What lessons can be learned for the Labour Party today?

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Programme

0930-1000 – *Morning coffee*

**1000-1200 - Domestic policy**
Chair: Oliver Daddow (University of Leicester)
Dan Corry (*New Philanthropy Capital*) – Economic affairs
Geoffrey Norris (*GlobalCounsel*) – Industrial and energy policy
Patrick Diamond (*Policy Network*) – Social justice
Dominic Wring (*Loughborough University*) – Party Organisation

**1200-1300 – Buffet lunch**

**1300-1500 – Foreign affairs**
Chair: Jon Moran (University of Leicester)
Roger Liddle (*Policy Network*) – Britain and the EU
Oliver Daddow (*University of Leicester*) – Intervention and the Use of Force
Rhiannon Vickers (*University of Sheffield*) – International development
Mark Phythian (*University of Leicester*) – New Labour and the intelligence services

**1500 – Afternoon tea and close of event**
Participant biographies

Dan Corry (Chief Executive, New Philanthropy Capital)
Dan joined NPC as Chief Executive in October 2011, following a varied career in public policy and economics. Dan was Head of the Number 10 Policy Unit and Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister on the Economy from 2007 to 2010. He has been Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Treasury and has worked as a special adviser to the Secretary of State in the Education Department as well as at DTI and DCLG. Most recently he was a Director in the Economics segment of FTI Consulting. In addition to working at senior levels of government, Dan ran the New Local Government Network think tank between 2002 and 2005—which was voted Think Tank of the Year in 2004—and was Senior Economist at the IPPR in the 1990s.

Dan is a Visiting Fellow at Southampton University, a trustee of the Spitalfields Centre Charity Trust, a member of the Greater Manchester Economic Advisory Panel, a member of the Research Committee of the ESRC and a member of the Advisory Board of CentreForum, a liberal think tank.

Recent publications include 'UK Economic Performance Since 1997: Growth, Productivity and Jobs' (with Anna Valero and John van Reenen); 'Labour and the Economy, 1997-2010: More than a Faustian Pact' in Reassessing New Labour (ed Patrick Diamond & Michael Kenny); and 'A New Golden Rule: Putting the Corporate Sector Surplus at the Heart of Economic Decision Making' (with Peter Kenway and Steve Barwick). He is currently a member of the Fabian Commission on Future Spending Choices.

Oliver Daddow (Reader in International Politics, University of Leicester)
Oliver Daddow is Reader in International Politics at the University of Leicester. He was educated at Oxford University and the University of Nottingham, and has been a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. His research interests are in interpretivist international relations, British foreign policy and discourse analysis. He is the author of New Labour and the European Union: Blair and Brown’s Logic of History (Manchester University Press, 2011) and Britain and Europe since 1945: Historiographical Perspectives on Integration (Manchester University Press, 2004). He edited Harold Wilson and European Integration: Britain’s Second Application to Join the EEC (Frank Cass, 2003). With Jamie Gaskarth he co-edited British Foreign Policy: The New Labour Years (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011), and with Mark Bevir and Ian Hall he has co-edited Interpreting Global Security (Routledge, 2013). He has written book chapters and peer reviewed journal articles across his research interests, including in International Affairs, Political Quarterly, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Cambridge Review of International Affairs and Review of International Studies.
**Patrick Diamond (Senior Research Fellow, Policy Network)**
Patrick Diamond is Gwilym Gibbon Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford, a Visiting Fellow in the Department of Politics at the University of Oxford and a post-doctoral fellow at Manchester University. Patrick is also an elected member of Southwark Council. He is the former Head of Policy Planning in 10 Downing Street and Senior Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister. Patrick has spent ten years as a Special Adviser in various roles at the heart of British Government, including No.10 Downing Street, the Cabinet Office, the Northern Ireland Office, and the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) where he served as Group Director of Strategy. His recent publications include: *Beyond New Labour* (with Roger Liddle, 2009); *Social Justice in the Global Age* (with Olaf Cramme, 2009); and *Global Europe, Social Europe* (with Anthony Giddens, 2006).

**Roger Liddle (Chair, Policy Network)**
Roger is Labour’s front bench spokesperson on Europe in the House of Lords. He chairs Policy Network, the international progressive think tank, and is a Director of the University of Cumbria.

From 2009-2010, Roger chaired the government’s New Industry, New Jobs advisory panel in the Department of Business Innovation and Skills. From 2007 to 2010 he also chaired Cumbria Vision, the sub-regional economic development partnership in his home County.

He was for seven years from 1997 special adviser on European affairs to the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair. From 2004-2007 he served in the European Commission, first in the Cabinet of the EU Trade Commissioner and then as economic adviser to the European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso.

Roger has written extensively on European and British affairs, including *The Blair Revolution* (with Peter Mandelson, 1996), *Global Europe, Social Europe* (with Anthony Giddens and Patrick Diamond, 2006) and *Beyond New Labour* (with Patrick Diamond, 2009), as well as several other Fabian Society and Policy Network pamphlets.

He also co-authored two papers for the President of the Commission’s thinktank, the Bureau of European Policy Advisers, on “Europe’s Social Reality” (February 2007) and the “Single Market: Yesterday and Tomorrow” (July 2006), and since then has contributed to various edited collections on the Single Market, the social challenges facing Europe, the case for a social investment strategy and Britain’s European policy.
**Jon Moran (Reader in International Security, University of Leicester)**
My research interests lie in the area of security studies, an interest which grew from work on political development and democratisation. I am interested in the continuing power of the state in the international system and specifically in the role of the state and military and intelligence agencies both domestically and internationally. I am also interested in issues of intelligence and security accountability. I remain interested in other areas of security and state power including the effect of democratisation on the state (including the role of intelligence agencies before and after democratisation) and types and patterns of elite corruption. I have conducted field research with police and security agencies and civil society activists in Western Europe, Eastern Europe, South Africa and East Asia.

I have written *The Politics of (In)security: Crime and Corruption in New Democracies* (Palgrave, 2011). In 2010 I conducted training for the EU as part of a programme on Security Sector Reform providing support for the reform of intelligence agencies. In 2009 I was part of a team funded by the UK National Police Improvement Agency which reviewed academic and policy analyses of counter terrorism and other aspects of police effectiveness. I am currently working on a book, *From Northern Ireland to Iraq: British Military Intelligence Operations, Ethics and Human Rights*, which covers the role of army intelligence and special forces since the 1970s.

**Geoffrey Norris (Senior Adviser, GlobalCounsel)**
An expert in energy and industrial policy and has been at the heart of business policy-making in the UK for the last decade. He was one of the key architects of Britain and Europe’s current approach to energy policy and climate change. He worked for more than ten years as the principal business adviser in 10 Downing Street to Prime Minister Tony Blair and then Gordon Brown. Most recently he was a special adviser at the UK Department of Business in Whitehall.

**Mark Phythian (Professor of Politics, University of Leicester)**
**Rhiannon Vickers (Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Sheffield)**

Dr. Vickers was awarded her PhD from the University of Warwick in 1998. She was a Lecturer at the University of Leeds for six years before joining the Politics Department at Sheffield in 2001. She has been a Visiting Scholar at George Washington University, Washington D.C. She is Deputy Head of Department.

Dr Vickers’ principle areas of research and teaching are International Relations and foreign policy. She has recently published the second volume of a two-volume study of the political history of the *Labour Party’s Foreign Policy* (Manchester University Press, Vol.1, 2004, and Vol.2, 2011). She has also published on the foreign policy of the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition government, on New Labour’s foreign policy, and on Blair and the invasion of Iraq. In addition to this she has an ongoing interest in public diplomacy and public perceptions of foreign and security policy. Her most recent research has been on the British response to the uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa, and she is developing an interest in British maritime security.

**Dominic Wring (Reader in Political Communication, Loughborough University)**

Since arriving at Loughborough in 1997 I have devoted myself to exploring the relationship between the media, communication and politics. I subsequently helped to promote study of this field through the UK Political Studies Association’s Media Politics Group that I co-founded and organized for a decade. Later I served as Chair of the International Political Science Association’s Research Committee for Political Communication, a post I retired from in 2012. In 2002 I helped launch the Journal of Political Marketing, served as the first European editor and remain on its editorial board as well as those of the Journal of Public Affairs and the Central European Journal of Communication. My work has been translated into French, Italian, Romanian and Spanish. Currently I am lead editor of the Political Communication series of books, a volume of which has appeared after every UK General Election since 1979. In 2007 I was called as an official witness to give testimony during the UK Competition Commission inquiry into BSkyB’s controversial acquisition of a stake in its ITV rival.

My major research preoccupation has been with the election campaign process. At Loughborough I have been involved in extensive content analyses of UK General Elections that first started two decades ago. 2015 will be our sixth campaign study. An important dimension of this work, co-authored with David Deacon, has been to track and analyze the changing patterns of press partisanship. Gone were the stark (and literally) black and white declarations that characterized the ‘Tory press’ in the Thatcher era to be replaced by a so-called ‘Tony press’ whose newspaper endorsements were less strident and more conditional
in offering support to Blair (if not so much his party). Most recently I have written about the relationships between Prime Ministers and press in relation to the hacking scandal.