Manchester Research Institute for Religion & Civil Society

Re-Moralising Britain?
10 Years of New Labour: Faith, Morals & Governance

Conference Programme [Draft, 8th May 2007]

2 day conference, The University of Manchester, Chancellors Conference Centre, Thursday-Friday, 17th-18th May 2007.

Chair: Peter M. Scott
Administrator: Janet Meredith

Thursday

9.30  Registration (JM)

10.15  Welcome to The University of Manchester, the Manchester Research Institute for Religion & Civil Society, and to the Conference (GW, PMS)

10.30 - 11.45  New Labour, morality, politics (chair: PMS)
Anthony Giddens (LSE), 'New Labour and the issue of multiculturalism'

11.45 - 12.10  Coffee

12.10 - 1 pm  "We don't do God!" (chair: PMS)
Elaine Graham (The University of Manchester), Doing God?
Public theology under Blair

1 - 2 pm  Lunch

2 - 3.15 pm  Governance (chair: CB)
Gerry Stoker (The University of Southampton), Blair and Trust in Politics: No saint but not a sinner

3.15 - 3.45 pm  Tea

4 - 5.30 pm  Short paper parallel sessions (chair: PMS, CB)

6.30  MRIRCS reception, inc book launch (JA, IS, ELG)

7 pm  Conference Dinner
**Friday**

9 - 10.40 am  **New Labour & the New World Order** (chair: CB)
Paul Vallely (Associate editor, The Independent)
*The Commission for Africa: a fig leaf for Iraq or a moral imperative?*
Inderjeet Parmar (The University of Manchester), *Soul Brothers? Why Tony Blair Backs George W. Bush’s Foreign Policy*

10.40 - 11.00  **Coffee**

11.00 - 12.50  **Economics** (chair: CB)
Will Hutton (The Work Foundation), *The creation of a liberal Labour tradition*
John Atherton (William Temple Foundation), *Are We Happier, Mr Brown?*

1 - 2 pm  **Lunch**

2 - 3.30 pm  **Panel: Doing God! Values and the New Labour project** (chair: ELG)
Jess Steele (Development Trusts Association), *Social Justice, Social Control or the Pursuit of Happiness? The Goals and Values of the Regeneration Industry*
Mark Chapman (Cuddesdon, Oxford), *But what is a community? Ten years in the history of a New Labour concept*

3.30  **Final discussion** (chair: CB?)

4 pm  **Close of conference (PMS)**

All timings are approximate, and are not guaranteed.