

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

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| 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), <i>'New Labour and the issue of multiculturalism'</i> |
| 11.45 - 12.10 | Coffee |
| 12.10 - 1 pm | "We don't do God!" (chair: PMS)
Elaine Graham (The University of Manchester), <i>Doing God? Public theology under Blair</i> |
| 1 - 2 pm | Lunch |
| 2 - 3.15 pm | Governance (chair: CB)
Gerry Stoker (The University of Southampton),
<i>Blair and Trust in Politics: No saint but not a sinner</i> |
| 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.