



Celebration of the 1919 Land Settlement (Scotland) Act

Isle of Lewis

Thursday 26th – Saturday 28th September 2019

Programme

Thursday 26th September, Stornoway (location TBC)

- 5:00pm – Registration opens
- 6:15 – Welcome to the conference and official open
- 6:30 – Keynote - Professor James Hunter (UHI)
- 7:30 – Conference dinner

Friday 27th September, Kinloch Historical Society, Balallan

8:45am – Registration for those unable to attend on the previous day

9:15 – **Panel 1: International Perspectives on land settlement** (Chair: Dr Iain Robertson (UHI))

Andrew Newby (Tampere University, Finland)

“A violent decimation of landlord power”: Denmark’s Lensaflysningsloven of 1919 – A Centenary Appraisal’

Roy Jones and Tod Jones (Curtin University, Australia)

“Antipodean aftershocks: World War 1, the 1919 Land Act and land (un)fit for heroes at the (other) end of the world’

Barbara Arneil (University of British Columbia, Canada)

‘The Small Holdings Colonies Acts (1916 and 1918)’

10:30 – Coffee

11:00 – **Panel 2: Contemporary Perspectives and Legacy** (Chair: Dr Micky Gibbard (Dundee University))

Helen Barton (UHI)

We express our Deepest Regret...

Seonaid McDonald (Archivist, Tasglann nan Eilean, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar)

What the local government archive sources tell us (or don’t?) about the land struggles

11:45 – **Keynote - Professor Ewen Cameron (University of Edinburgh)**, (Introduction and chair: Dr Anne Tindley (Newcastle University))



12:45pm – Lunch

1:30 – **Trip to West Harris with the West Harris Trust**

Three stops along the route between Balallan and *Talla na Mara* to look at community landownership. Return to Balallan approximately 6:00pm.

Saturday 28th September, Kinloch Historical Society, Balallan

9:00am – Open

9:15 – **Panel 3: Local Histories of Land Settlement** (Chair: Professor James Hunter (UHI))

Malcolm Bangor-Jones (Independent Researcher)

'The resettlement of Syre in Strathnaver by the CBD in the 1900s'

Neil Bruce (UHI)

“Storm in a quach”: the Uist Rocket Range, the crofters and the priest

Colin Tucker (Comann Eachdraidh Sgìre a' Bhac)

'There is only one home: that little house with its few acres of land in Eilean Leodhais'

10:30 – Coffee

11:00 – **Panel 4: Thinking around Land Reform** (Chair: Professor Ewen Cameron (University of Edinburgh))

Mairi Stewart (Independent Researcher)

'The planting of forest workers on the land is a more anxious ... business than the planting of new trees: the 1919 Forestry Act and land settlement in Scotland'

Lindsay Blair (UHI)

“Mutations from below”: *An Sùileachan* (2013) and The Land Raiders of Reef'

Iain Mackinnon (Coventry University)

'The role of historicism in accounts of land reform in modern Scotland'

Rob McMorran (SCRU)

Current pathways to community ownership in Scotland and their effectiveness is supporting continued expansion of the Sector in the 21st Century

12:30pm – Lunch

1:30 – **Talk from John Randall (Comunn Eachdraidh na Pairc) on South Lochs**

2:00 – **Trip to the South Lochs** with John Randall (return around 5pm)

5:00 – Closing remarks