



## The Miners' Strike, 30 Years On

**Saturday 29 March, 9.45am-4.30pm**

**Anatomy Lecture Theatre, 6<sup>th</sup> level, King's Building, Strand Campus  
King's College London, WC2R 2LS**

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To mark the 30th anniversary of the 1984-85 miners' strike, H&P's Trade Union Forum and the British Universities' Industrial Relations Association (BUIRA) will host a public conference. Leading figures at the time, historians and legal scholars will reflect on the causes, course and consequences of the strike for unions, the state and the law in Britain today.

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**Registration and coffee from 9.15am, Chapters, 2<sup>nd</sup> level, King's Building**

**9.30am: Welcome and introduction, Anatomy Lecture Theatre, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, King's Building**

**Panel 1: 9.45am–11.30am ~ The dispute**

**Ian Lavery**, National President of the NUM, 2002-2010; MP for Wansbeck

**Terry Thomas**, Vice President of the NUM, South Wales Area, during the strike

**Nicky Wilson**, National President of the NUM, 2010-current

**Professor David Howell**, Professor of Politics, Department of Politics, University of York

*Chair: John Edmonds, General Secretary of the GMB, 1986-2003*

**11.30-11.45am ~ Coffee break, Chapters**

## Panel 2: 11.45am–1.15pm ~ The strike, society and the media

**Betty Cook and Anne Scargill**, supporters' groups

**Professor Peter Ackers**, Professor of Industrial Relations & Labour History, School of Business and Economics, University of Loughborough

**Nick Jones**, BBC industrial and political correspondent, 1972-2002

*Chair: Dr Lucy Delap, Reader in Twentieth Century British History and Director of H&P, King's College London*

**1.15pm-2pm ~ Lunch (sandwiches and tea/coffee), Chapters**

## 2pm–2.45pm: In conversation with ~

**The Right Hon. Lord Kinnock**, Leader of the Labour Party, 1983-1992, with **Nick Jones**

*Chair: John Edmonds*

**2.45pm-3pm ~ Break**

## Panel 3: 3pm–4pm ~ Implications of the strike for state and law

**Professor Keith Ewing**, Professor of Public Law, King's College

**The Right Hon. Lord Monks**, TUC General Secretary, 1993-2003

**Robert Taylor**, Labour Editor of *The Observer*, 1976-1987

*Chair: Dr Jim Moher, National Legal Secretary, National Communications Union (NCU) & Communication Workers Union (CWU), 1985-2006*

## 4pm–4.30pm: Reflections ~

**Dr Alastair Reid**, Fellow of Girton College, Cambridge, and co-founder of H&P

**Professor Michael Gold**, Professor of Comparative Employment Relations, Royal Holloway University of London

This conference is open to all on a fee paying, first come first serve, basis. Tickets - £7 per person including refreshments – must be booked in advance via <http://bit.ly/1h4mKKG>

Please note, this conference is expected to be popular and places are limited due to room capacity. **Booking will close on 17 March.** The event will be recorded. For more information, please email: [historyandpolicy@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:historyandpolicy@kcl.ac.uk)