



## Conference Programme

### ‘Splendid Isolation’? Insularity in British History

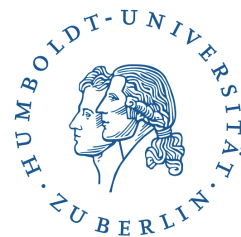
**Berlin, 3–5 May 2018**

#### *Conveners*

Christiane Eisenberg, Centre for British Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
Wencke Meteling, Universität Marburg/German Association for British Studies  
Andrea Wiegeshoff, Universität Marburg  
Hannes Ziegler, German Historical Institute London

#### *Location*

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
Centre for British Studies / Großbritannien-Zentrum  
Mohrenstraße 60  
10117 Berlin



## Thursday 3 May 2018

**19:00–21:30** *Max Weber Foundation / The Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Berlin: Podium Discussion (in German) on “Abschied vom Kontinent? Der Brexit aus aktueller und historischer Perspektive”*

*Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Leibniz-Saal, Eingang: Markgrafenstr. 38, 10117 Berlin*

## Friday 4 May 2018

**14:00–15:00** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Christiane Eisenberg, Centre for British Studies  
Bernhard Dietz, President of the German Association for British Studies

Wencke Meteling, Universität Marburg  
Andrea Wiegeshoff, Universität Marburg  
Hannes Ziegler, GHI London

**15:00–17:00** **Session I: Cultural Imaginations of the ‘Island Nation’ and Competing Conceptions of National Belonging**

*Ross Aldridge, Gdansk University*

‘The Chalk of Britannia’: The place of Dover and the Channel Tunnel in Britain’s island identity

*Patrick Bahners, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*

‘Emphatically islanders’: The insularity of Whig historiography

*Almuth Ebke, Universität Mannheim*

An ‘island nation’? Changing conceptions of Britain, ca. 1981

**17:00–17:30** **Tea Break**

**17:30–19:00** **Keynote Lecture**

*Julia Angster, Universität Mannheim*

A Global Island: Great Britain and the World in the 19th Century

**19:00–20:00** **Wine Reception**

**20:30** **Conference Dinner**

## **Saturday 5 May 2018**

### **9:00–11:00 Session II: The ‘Island Nearby’: Conflicting British and Irish Insularities**

*James Stafford, Universität Bielefeld*

‘The mart in Europe for the trade of America’: Ireland and the British world in the 1780s

*Pamela Linden, Imperial War Museums, London*

The fragmentation of British Jewish identity post-1921

*Stuart C. Aveyard, University of Chichester*

Britishness and perceptions of the Northern Ireland conflict

### **11:00-11:15 Coffee Break**

### **11:15-13:15 Session III: Islandness vs. Interconnectedness in British Politics**

*Benjamin Bland, Royal Holloway, University of London*

‘The Island Race’: Islandness, the nationalist imagination, and far right political identities in post-war Britain

*Simon J. Moody, King’s College London*

An airbridge to Armageddon: The British Isles and extended deterrence in the Cold War

*Charlotte Lydia Riley, University of Southampton*

‘This is work for the future of mankind’: Insularity, imperialism and internationalism at the end of empire

### **13:15-14:15 Lunch**

### **14:15-14:45 Final Discussion & Closing Remarks**