



CONFERENCE
PROGRAMME

RESISTANCE, RIGHTS AND REFUGE:

BRITAIN AND CHILE 50 YEARS AFTER THE CHILEAN COUP

FRIDAY 20 - SUNDAY 22
OCTOBER 2023

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Conference Details

Location:

- **Friday 20 October at FAW.9.04, Fawcett House, LSE**
- **Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October at MAR.2.04, Marshall Building, LSE**

Organisers: Dr Tanya Harmer Associate Professor of International History at LSE; Administrative Assistants Charlotte Eaton and Max Smith.

On 11 September 1973, a military coup overthrew Chile's democratically elected government and ushered forth a violent right-wing dictatorship. In the months and years that followed, Chile became a focus of worldwide mobilisation in solidarity with those resisting the dictatorship. In Britain, politicians, trade unionists, students, women's rights movements, religious groups and journalists protested human rights abuses in Chile, often linking what was happening in Chile to politics and society at home. They shaped a new global human rights movement and new forms of resistance. Exiled Chileans in the UK contributed to this mobilisation. They also contributed immensely to British political, cultural and economic life. Exiles in the UK built families, inspired activism and encouraged their British counterparts to fight for democratic freedoms at home and abroad.

Fifty years after the Chilean coup, the Department of International History at the LSE is hosting a conference to reflect on British responses to events in Chile and more specifically the impact that the coup had on politics, society and culture in the UK. Conference participants will also be encouraged to engage with the lessons that this relationship can offer for thinking through resistance, human rights and refuge in the present.

This conference has been sponsored by the Department of International History and Cold War Studies programme at LSE

Friday 20 October – Morning

Venue: FAW.9.04, Fawcett House, LSE

9:00am – 9.30am: Breakfast

9:30am – 9.45am: Welcome

9.45-11.30: British Solidarity with Chile

- Andrés Cabrera: The Chilean Road to Socialism and the Overthrow of Salvador Allende Through the Eyes of the British Marxist Historian Eric Hobsbawm: Meanings and Challenges for the Left, 50 Years Later.
- Marieke Riethof: Explaining Solidarity Activism in Opposition to Pinochet: Labour Solidarity with Chile in Liverpool, 1973-1977
- Emily Sharp: Student Activism and the Chile Solidarity Campaign in Britain
- Hannah Healy: Chile Vencerá: Art as a Practice of Solidarity
- José Manuel Castro: Solidarity and Lessons: The Chilean Coup through the Lens of the British Marxist Left

Chair: Grace Livingstone

11.30-12.00: Coffee

12.00-13.30: Resistance and Activism for Rights and Refuge

- Maria Vazquez-Aguilar: 'We are the Grandchildren of Those You Couldn't Kill' The Creation/Re-creation of Solidarity Networks by the Chilean Exiles in the UK, and the Impact of Activism on the Second Generation.
- Helia López Zarzosa: 'Acá' y 'Allá'. Chilean Second-Generation Navigating Exile and 'Home' through Education. A Case Study in Britain.
- Cath Collins: Shame, Silence and Symbolism in the Search for the Disappeared in Chile, and in Northern Ireland
- Javier Zuñiga Tapia: Dictatorship, Chilean Historians in the UK and the Resurgence of a Deep Historiographical Self-Criticism: Social History and the Long Reflection on Popular Unity and the Coup

Chair: Tanya Harmer



Friday 20 October - Afternoon

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13.30-14.30: Lunch

14.30-17.00: Archives and Memory Work

- Alun Burge: From Santiago to St Fagans: Chile, International Solidarity, and the National Museum of Wales
- Paul Dudman: Crafting Resistance and Archiving Solidarity: Documenting Chile and the Living Refugee Archive as Counter-Narratives of Agency and Representation
- Ruth Aedo-Richmond: A Study of Chilean Exiles in Hull, UK: Reflections on the Experiences and Memories of Two Generations
- Verónica Díaz-Cerda: Listening to Children's Voices in Oral History: Collecting Retrospective Data on the Chilean Exile 50 Years After.
- Sebastian Bustamante: Crowdsourcing Testimony, Mass Photography and Giving Presence to the Disappeared through Online Digital Memory Platforms.
- Aravani Foteini: Democratising Knowledge: Chilean Oral Histories at Museum of London

Chair: Anna Cant

17.00-17.30: Coffee

17.30-19.00 Keynote Lecture (Click this link for venue)

- Grace Livingstone: Chile Solidarity and the Path to an Ethical Foreign Policy

Chair: Tanya Harmer



Saturday 21 October – Morning

Venue: MAR.2.04, Marshall Building, LSE

9:00am – 9.30am: Breakfast

9.30-11.00: Witness Panel I: British solidarity with Chile

Chair: Grace Livingstone

- Mike Gatehouse
- Sara Chandler
- Susy Carstairs
- Jon Barnes
- Bill McLellan

11.00-11.15: Coffee

11.15-12.45: Witness Panel II: Welcoming Chileans to Britain

Chair: Tanya Harmer

- Gordon Hutchison
- Marilyn Thomson
- Helen Jackson
- Sue Lukes
- Colin Creighton
- David Lehman



Saturday 21 October – Afternoon

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12.45-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.15: Witness Panel III: Reflections on Exile in the UK

Chair: Tanya Harmer

- Hernando Fernandez-Canque
- Sara De Witt
- José Lavín
- Rossana Leal
- Marcos Valencia
- Cristina Pons

15.15-16.00: Coffee

16.00-18.00: Panel III: Long-term Legacies of the Chilean Dictatorship in Britain

Chair: Grace Livingstone

- Carole Concha-Bell: Next Generation Chilean Responses to Post Pinochet Exile
- Cara Levey: Documenting Exile, Diasporizing Memory: The Hijos del Exilio in Hora Chilena [Chilean Time] and Los descendientes [The Descendents]
- Chantal Radley: UK-based Chilean Exiles and the New Chilean Migrants
- Verónica Márquez: The Country I Never Went Back To: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Chilean Bilingual Exiled Children in the U.K.
- Maria Urbina, Jon Mansell and Heather Watkins: The Making of Market Subjects: Coercion and Consent in Chile and the UK, and the Trajectories Towards Neoliberal Transition.



Sunday 22 October - Morning

Venue: MAR.2.04, Marshall Building, LSE

9.30-10.00: Breakfast and exhibition of Piquete Pictures

10.00-12.00: Witness Panel IV: Pinochet's Arrest and the Piquete, 25 years on

Chair: Tanya Harmer

- Jimmy Bell
- Silvia Velasquez
- Geoffrey Bindman
- Jean Pateras
- Carlos Gonzalez
- Isabel Cortes
- Ana María Pelusa

12.00-12.15: Coffee

12.15-13.30: Keynote

- Cath Colins and Francisco Bustos: #todochilebusca: The Search for Justice in Chile, 1998-2023
- In Association with the Transitional Justice Observatory, Universidad Diego Portales (Chile)

13.30-15.30: Chilean Music

