

**Wellington Congress 2019**  
**DRAFT Programme**

**Friday 12 April 2019**

**09:30-10:20**            **Registration at Avenue Campus main entrance**

**10:00-10:20**            **Coffee**

**10:20**                    Welcome and introduction

**1 Plenary session**

10:30-11:30

[LT C]

Chair:

Alicia Laspra

*'(No) believing a word they say' – Wellington on Byron and other poets*

**Parallel sessions**

**2A Session**

11:30-13:10

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Chair:

Kevin Linch

*British army officers: the Waterloo cohort*

Andrew Bamford

*The accidental cornet – the strange and tragic case of Abel Hammon, 12<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons*

William Fletcher

*Wellington and the Wycombites: the officers who studied at Royal Military College (High*

*Wycombe) and served in the Peninsular War (1808-1814)*

**2B Session**

11:30-13:10

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Chair:

Barbara Wood, Wendy Lutley, Jenny Weston-Siviter

*The Wellington monument project, Somerset*

Karen Robson

*The Wellington Archive: the curator's view*

Gareth Glover

*1769: a vintage year*

**2C Session**

11:30-13:10

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Chair:

Denis Kenyon and Freida Stack

*Sharpened quills at dawn! Uncovering the prolonged feud (about the 'sword' at Ciudad*

*Rodrigo) between Lieutenant Colonel John Gurwood and Major General Sir William Napier*

Brian Picton Swann

*Sir Thomas Picton - his real family and his real friends*

James Simpson

*Conquering the conquerors – Arthur Wellesley and Scipio*

**13:15-14:15**

**Lunch [Avenue Campus cafeteria]**

**Including a presentation on the launch of a new Napoleonic history website**

**3 Plenary session**

14:15-15:15

[LT C]

Chair:

Richard Gaunt

*Wellington in British Politics: A Bicentenary Perspective*

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**15:15-15:45**            **Tea**

**Parallel sessions**

**4A Session**

15:45-16:55

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Chair:

Jacqueline Reiter

*'As far as the Ordnance is concerned': Sir Arthur Wellesley, Lord Chatham and the politics of military decision-making, 1808-1822*

Silvia Gregorio-Sainz

*The hardships of peace: logistics and everyday life in Santander, 1813-1814*

**4B Session**

15:45-16:55

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Chair:

Agustin Coletes

*'Fame sounds the heroic syllables both ways': Wellington vs Villainton in British political poetry, 1820-1823*

Leo Shipp

*'Wellesley, gaining strength from wise delay': Wellington in the poetry of two laureates-elect*

**5 Interactive panel**

17:00-17:45

[LT C]

Ed Coss and Zack White

*A leadership conundrum: British soldier behaviour and Stephen Westbrook's compliance model*

**19:00-22:00**

**Conference dinner in the Hartley Suite (building 38), Highfield Campus.**

This is a ticketed event. Those delegates who have booked a place will find their ticket in their delegate pack. A cash bar will be available from 18:00.

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**Saturday 13 April 2019**

**From 08:30**            **Registration at Avenue Campus main entrance.**

**5 Plenary session**    Chair:  
09:00-10:00           Andrew Lambert  
[LT C]                    *Sustaining the strategy of Waterloo: The Duke and the Defence of the Realm, 1816-1852*

**10:00-10:30**           **Coffee**

**Parallel sessions**

**6A Session**            Chair:  
10:30-12:15           Robert Morton  
*'The House will pardon me if I again refer to the highest authority': the enduring power of the Duke of Wellington from beyond the grave*  
Ugo Bruschi  
*A 'gauntlet flung down to the country'? Reactions to Wellington's 1834 interim government in the British newspapers*

John Morewood  
*The Duke of Wellington vs. Lord Brougham. Slavery emancipation 1833. Old enemies united?*

**6B Session**            Chair:  
10:30-12:15           Zack White  
*The curious case of Badajoz: the aftermath of British sieges in the Peninsular War*  
Eamonn O'Keefe  
*Duelling doublespeak: honour, law and the 'Coventry system' in the Napoleonic-era British officer corps*

Stephen Petty  
*Desertion a despicable crime! Wellington's attitude towards the problem of desertion, 1809-1814*

**12:15-13:00**           **Presentation by the Duke of Wellington Dancers**

**13:00-14:00**           **Lunch [Avenue Campus cafeteria]**

**7 Plenary**                Chair:  
14:00-15:00           Charles Esdaile  
[LT C]                    *Walking Waterloo: a Re-Examination of the Battlefield*

**15:00-15:30**           **Tea**

**Parallel sessions**

**8A Session**            Chair:  
15:30-17:15           Mark Hay  
*Reconstructing the Post-Napoleonic international order: Nassau, the House of Orange, and the Peninsular War*  
James Villalard  
*'From the threshold to the citadel' – the defence of the Channel Islands during the Great*

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*French War*

William Anthony Hay

*'Worse than the whole Spanish war': Wellington, George IV and the Queen Caroline affair*

**8B Session**

15:30-17:15

Chair:

Mark Thompson

*The good, the bad and the ugly – three Allied sieges in 1812*

Bruce Collins

*Fortresses and British campaigns in India, 1790-1825*

John Peaty

*Wellington, Waterloo and maps*

**17:15-17:45**

**Tea**

**9 Session**

17:45-18:45

**Wellington Lecture 2019**

Chair:

Chris Woolgar

*Wellington, the 'Scum of the Earth' and the army in the Iberian Peninsula*

**19:00**

**Close of conference and Wellington Lecture**