

**The Stress of Life: Gender, emotions and health after the second world war  
2 – 3 April 2012  
Draft conference programme**

**The Centre for Medical History, University of Exeter**

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**DAY 1: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012**

- 09.30– 10.00                      Arrival and registration  
Tea & coffee, Foyer, Margaret Room Foyer, Queen’s Building,  
Streatham Campus
- All sessions will take place in the Margaret Room, Queen’s Building
- Session 1**  
10.00 – 12.00                      Emotions, health and the family:  
**Chair:**  
Ali Haggett (University of Exeter)  
*‘Do you know what caused your drinking?’ Gender, stress and alcohol abuse in  
post-war Britain.’*
- Pamela Richardson (University of Exeter)  
*‘Stress and Distress – post-war rebuilding.’*
- Nicole Baur (University of Exeter)  
*‘Stress as a perceived cause of mental illness and its translation into ordinary life.’*
- 12.00 – 13.00                      Lunch - Margaret Room Foyer, Queen’s Building
- Session 2**  
13.00 – 14.30                      Stress and the Stomach  
**Chair:**  
Edgar Jones (King’s College London)  
*‘Stomach for the Peace: psychosomatic disorders in UK veterans and civilians,  
1945-55.’*
- Val Harrington (University of Manchester)  
*‘Irritable Mind or Irritable Bowel? Stress and IBS.’*
- 14.30 – 15.00                      Tea and Coffee, Margaret Room Foyer, Queen’s Building
- Session 3**  
15.00 – 16.30                      Models of Stress  
**Chair:**  
Otniel E Dror (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
*‘Sudden Acute Unexpected Stress.’*
- Allan Young (McGill University)  
*‘New Life Along the HPA Axis: Oxytocin and the future of stress.’*
- 17.00 – 18.00                      Keynote Address  
Alex Haslam (University of Exeter)  
*‘Stressing the Group: The Integrated Social Identity Model of Stress (ISIS).’*
- 19.30                                      *Conference dinner - Rendezvous Wine Bar and Restaurant, Exeter*

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**DAY 2: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012**

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| <b>Session 4</b><br>09.30 – 10:50 | <u>Environment and Stress</u><br><b>Chair:</b><br>Glen O'Hara (Oxford Brookes University)<br><i>'Discourses of Clean and Pure Water in Post-War Britain.'</i><br><br>Matthew Smith (University of Strathclyde)<br><i>'Canaries in a Coal Mine: Food allergy as a disease of civilisation.'</i>  |
| 10:50 – 11.15                     | Tea & coffee, Margaret Room Foyer, Queen's Building   |
| <b>Session 5</b><br>11.15 – 12.15 | <u>Keynote Address</u><br>Rhodri Hayward (Queen Mary University, London)<br><i>'Stress, Politics and Happiness': title to be confirmed</i>  |
| 12.15 – 12.15                     | Lunch - Margaret Room Foyer, Queen's Building   |
| <b>Session 6</b><br>13.00 – 15.00 | <u>Work , Life and Health</u><br><b>Chair:</b><br>Jill Kirby (University of Sussex)<br><i>'...what I didn't realise was I was working too hard...' – experiencing stress at work in post-war Britain.'</i><br><br>Debbie Palmer (University of Exeter)<br><i>'The Power of Stress.'</i><br><br>Jo Melling (University of Exeter)<br><i>'Did British labour care about workplace stress? Trade union attitudes to psychological problems at work and the "pre-history" of workplace stress, c. 1900-1960.'</i> |
| 15.00 – 15:30                     | Tea and Coffee, Margaret Room Foyer, Queen's Building   |
| <b>Session 7</b><br>15.30– 17.00  | <u>The Psychology of Stress</u><br><b>Chair:</b><br>Sarah Hayes (University of Exeter)<br><i>'"Waiting for nothing to happen": Stress and Industrial Automation in Twentieth Century Britain, 1945-79.'</i><br><br>Ed Ramsden (University of Manchester)<br><i>'The Colour of Emotion: stress, architectural design and the psychological sciences in 20<sup>th</sup> century America.'</i>   |