

Bio – Iain McLean

Iain McLean is Professor of Politics, Oxford University and a fellow of Nuffield College. He is a Fellow of the British Academy. His previous posts have been at the Universities of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Warwick. For 13 years he was tutorial Fellow in Politics, University College, Oxford. He has held visiting appointments at Washington & Lee, Stanford, Australian National and Yale Universities. Immediately after the Symposium he is taking up a visitorship at the Smith Center for Jefferson Studies, Monticello, Va, to work on “Jefferson in Paris: the encounter of the Scottish, American, and French Enlightenments”. From a Church of Scotland background, Iain is currently Treasurer, Oxford Local Meeting, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Current work is on the intellectual antecedents of the Establishment and Free Exercise clauses, and current controversies on establishment and free exercise of religion in the UK. Relevant publications include *Adam Smith, Radical and Egalitarian* (Edinburgh University Press, 2006) *What’s wrong with the British Constitution?* (Oxford University Press, 2010); and various publications on law and religion joint with Scot M. Peterson, latest “Adam Smith at the Constitutional Convention”, forthcoming in *Loyola Law Review*.

Spare time activities include choral singing and steam railroad preservation (Vice-Chairman and locomotive engineer, Welshpool & Llanfair Light railway).