THE BLITZ AND ITS LEGACY

3 – 4 SEPTEMBER 2010
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2010

8.45 – 9.15am  Coffee

9.15 – 11am  Introduction and First Session: The Blitz Experience
Chair: Professor Peter Larkham, Birmingham City University

Dr David Deriu, University of Westminster: The tube shelters as lived space

Lindsey Dodd, University of Reading: La ville éventrée; or, how bombing turned the city inside out

Dr Sue Wheatcroft, University of Leicester: Holiday camps, castles and stately homes: the residential option for the evacuation of disabled children during the Second World War

11 – 11.30am  Coffee

11.30am – 1pm Crisis Response during the Blitz
Chair: Professor Ray Hutchison, University of Wisconsin, Green Bay

Dr Shane Ewen, Leeds Metropolitan University: From James Braidwood to James Braidy: How Britain got its National Fire Service

Dr Robin Woolven, Mountbatten Centre for International Studies: The Warren Fisher Debris Clearance Organisation and the London Repair Executive 1940-1945

Sean Dettman, School of Advanced Study, The Institute of Historical Research: The Bethnal Green Tube Disaster: a wartime cover-up?

1 – 2pm  Lunch

2 – 3.30pm  Replanning the Provinces
Chair: Dr Frances Lynch, University of Westminster

Dr Hugh Clout, University College, London: Revival and reconstruction in Alsace-Lorraine, 1939-1960

Dr Stephen Essex and Professor Mark Brayshay, University of Plymouth: The Postwar battle to replan Plymouth

Dr Naoki Motouchi, Chubu University: Max Lock and ‘democratic planning’ in Bedford, c. 1945-60

3.30 – 4pm  Afternoon Tea
4 – 6pm  Replanning and Renewing the Capital
Chair: Professor Jeffry Diefendorf, University of New Hampshire

Dr Antonio Bruculerri, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes: Replanning London: Town, architecture and traffic from the first to the second world wars

Dr David Adams and Professor Peter Larkham, Birmingham City University: (Re)planning the metropolis: process and product in postwar London

Dr Tatsuya Tsubaki, Chukyo University: From Blitz to City Ritz: The City of London and the Barbican redevelopment, 1940-1975

Dr Christine Stevenson, Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London: Incorporating ‘authentic substance’ in the postwar rebuilding of the City of London’s livery halls

6.15 – 9pm  Screening of ‘St. Marylebone Society rare colour film on civil defence, including E. Ita Ekpenyon’, a Nigerian ARP Warden; and Reception

SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2010

9 – 9.30am  Coffee

9.30 – 11am  From Destruction to Reconstruction: Japan
Chair: David Adams, Birmingham City University

Professor Neil Jackson, University of Liverpool: Tradition versus modernity: Architecture in Japan after Hiroshima

Professor Junichi Hasegawa, Keio University: Public reaction to reconstruction planning in Japan

Dr Takashi Yasuda, Setsunan University: The reconstruction and conservation movement “without planning” in Kurashiki, Japan, after the Second World War

11 – 11.30am  Coffee

11.30am – 1pm  ‘The People’, Planning and Reconstruction
Chair: Dr Helen Glew, University of Westminster

Susanne Cowan, University of California, Berkeley: The People’s Peace: The myth of wartime unity and public consent for town planning
Professor Jeffrey Diefendorf, University of New Hampshire: Reconstructing civic authority in postwar Germany

Catherine Flinn, Oxford Brookes University: Reconstruction constraints: political and economic realities

1 – 2pm  Lunch

2 – 3.45pm  From the Blitz to the People’s Peace
Chair: Mr Anthony Gorst, University of Westminster

Dion Georgiou, Queen Mary University: ‘He really misses that white helmet of his’: The role of the Blitz and civil defence in Ealing’s post-war social vision

Dr Mark Clapson, University of Westminster: The Blitz and the break-up of working-class London

Dr Matthew Grant, University of Manchester: The public, nuclear war and the legacy of the Blitz in Cold War Britain

3.45 – 4.15pm  Afternoon Tea

4.30 – 5.30pm  Blitz Fieldwalk of Marylebone and Westminster

5.30 – 8pm  Pub

Organised by Dr Mark Clapson (University of Westminster) and Professor Peter Larkham (Birmingham City University) in association with the International Planning History Society (IPHS), the Westminster City Archives, and PROBE (Production of the Built Environment), University of Westminster.