**‘The Present Crisis: Origins and Outcomes’:**

a colloquium under the auspices of the Forum for British and Irish Political Thought, the Carnegie Literature and Union project, the Scottish Constitutional Futures Forum and the St Andrews Institute for Intellectual History

Saturday 17 September 2016

Venue: Arts Lecture Theatre, University of St Andrews

Event free and open. However, for catering purposes, please register your interest with Prof. Colin Kidd on cck3@st-andrews.ac.uk

9.30 Tea/coffee Arts Lecture Theatre Foyer

**10 -11 Session I The Deep Background**

Prof. Dauvit Broun (Glasgow), ‘The deep historical background: imagining kingdoms as islands’

Dr. Katie Stevenson (National Museums of Scotland), ‘Bannockburn: The Uses of the Past in Debating the Future, 2011-2014’

11 -11.15 COFFEE Arts Foyer

**11.15-12.30 Session II (a) The Recent Background**

Dr. Malcolm Petrie (St Andrews), ‘Letting the people back in: sovereignty, representation and the rise of the referendum’

Prof. Graham Walker (Queen’s Belfast), ‘Labour’s demise in Scotland, Irish echoes and the crisis of the Union’

**12.30-13.20 SANDWICH LUNCH** All welcome. School of History, St Katharine’s Lodge, Seminar Rooms 1 and 2.

**13.20-14.45 Session II (b) The Recent Background**

David Torrance (The *Herald*), ‘Arguments for Independence 1986-2016’

Lord McFall, ‘The baw’s on the slates’

14.45-15.10 TEA Arts Foyer

**15.10 – 17.00 Session III Constitutional Futures**

David Melding AM, ‘The Anglo-Welsh Union after Brexit’

Lord Norton, ‘The Union and devolution: diversity and incoherence’

Prof. Aileen McHarg (Strathclyde), ‘’Territorial Diversity and the UK Constitution: How much can the Union bear?’

**17.00 Drinks reception/Book launch (Arts Foyer):** *The Scottish Independence Referendum: Constitutional and Political Implications* Edited by Aileen McHarg, Tom Mullen, Alan Page, Neil Walker (Oxford University Press)