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Voting reform 150 years on from the 1872 Ballot Act

A symposium at the
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Valerie Cromwell

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British Political, Social & Local History

10.30 –11.00 Registration

Outside the IHR Wolfson Conference Suite, Lower ground floor, IHR
(Refreshments provided)

11.00 –12.30 Session 1: Victorian Politics and the Ballot

Chair: Prof Philip Murphy (History & Policy, IHR)

Dr Philip Salmon (History of Parliament)

Victorian public voting: why did the old system last so long and what triggered its abolition?

Dr Martin Spychal (History of Parliament)

Campaigning for the Ballot: the parliamentary men and women behind the cause

Dr Kathryn Rix (History of Parliament)

The ballot and beyond: the evolution of electoral culture, 1872-85

12.30 –13.30 Lunch

Provided in Wolfson NB02

13.30 –15.00 Session 2: Electoral Reform in comparative perspective

Chair: Dr Naomi Lloyd-Jones (University of Durham)

Dr Malcolm Crook and **Dr Tom Crook**

From Oaths to ID Cards: The Secret Ballot and Rituals of Electoral Verification in Britain, France and the United States

Dr Benjamin T. Jones (Central Queensland University)

The introduction of the secret ballot in Australia

Dr Anthoula Malkopoulou (Lund University)

More Representation, Less Radicalism: How Compulsory Voting Was Defended in Europe

15.00 –15.30 Break

Refreshments provided in Wolfson NB02

15.30 –17.00 Session 3: Electoral Culture in 18th and 19th century Britain

Chair: Paul Seaward (History of Parliament)

Prof Elaine Chalus (University of Liverpool)

That “epidemical madness”: women and the culture of elections in 18th century England

Dr Gary Hutchison (University of Durham)

Nineteenth Century Electoral Violence

Dr Naomi Lloyd-Jones (University of Durham)

The Caucus and Candidate Selection: A Case Study of the 1886 Election

17.00 –18.30 Session 4: Round Table panel

Chair: Prof Philip Murphy (History & Policy, IHR)

Speakers in the earlier panels will also be invited to participate.

- **John Pullinger CB** (Chair of the Electoral Commission)
- **Dr Jess Garland** (Director of Policy and Research, the Electoral Reform Society)
- **Dr Robert Saunders** (Queen Mary, University of London)

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