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A Knighthood for David Cannadine

The Institute of Historical Research is delighted to announce that Professor David Cannadine, DLitt, FBA, has been awarded a knighthood in the New Year Honours List in recognition of his services to scholarship.

Professor Cannadine was Director of the Institute of Historical Research between 1998 and 2003, and until September of last year was the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Professor of Contemporary British History at the IHR. He is now an Honorary Fellow of the IHR and Chair of its Appeal.

The author of a series of hugely influential studies of the British aristocracy, the monarchy, and class at home and in the colonial empire, he is also the biographer of G.M. Trevelyan and Andrew Mellon, and one of the finest historical essayists of his generation. His most recent collection, *Making History Now and Then: Discoveries, Controversies and Explorations*, was published to great acclaim last summer.

Professor Cannadine has been an unstinting advocate of keeping history and the historical profession in the public eye, as broadcaster, as advisor to the government and to The National Archives (most recently over the 30-year rule), in his work as English Heritage Commissioner, Chairman of the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery and of the Blue Plaque Panel, and as member of the editorial boards of the History of Parliament and *Past and Present*. He said of his honour, *'I am so very delighted that history in general, and the IHR in particular, have been singled out in this way, and I hope that such recognition will encourage and embolden our efforts at the Institute, as we seek further funding and resources, from all those who care about the importance of history, to support and sustain our work in these challenging and demanding times'*.

Earlier this year David was made an Honorary Professor of the University of London and a Distinguished Fellow of the School of Advanced Study. The Dean of the School, Professor Sir Roderick Floud, FBA, said *'I am delighted that, for the second year running, one of our staff has received a knighthood for services*

to scholarship in the humanities. Sir David Cannadine joins Sir Brian Vickers, knighted last year for services to English literature. These honours demonstrate the value of the School and its Institutes to the world of scholarship’.

The honour brings further distinction to the IHR, which has been the focus of Professor Cannadine’s energy, enthusiasm and vision during a decade in which c. £13m was raised in research income and donations. It is also a rare double, for he is joined in the New Year Honours List by his wife, Linda Colley, Shelby M.C. Davis Professor of History at Princeton University, who is made a CBE.

Notes:

The Institute of Historical Research is one of ten member Institutes of the School of Advanced Study, University of London. Founded in 1921 the Institute is home to three important Research Centres, hosts a substantial open access library, hosts over 50 seminars, teaches four taught postgraduate programmes and offers doctoral supervision in a wide range of historical subjects. It publishes the journal *Historical Research* and a range of other important publications and manages a range of web-based and digital resources. The Institute administers fellowships, runs specialist research training programmes and animates a variety of conferences and workshops. The IHR Development Office has raised over £13m in support of the study of history.

For further details see <http://www.history.ac.uk/>.