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**Politics, Society and Christianity in Malawi and Beyond  
A Memorial Conference for John McCracken and Jack Thompson**

Thursday 26 April 2018  
New College, Mound Place, Edinburgh, 9am-5:45pm

hosted by  
Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh  
Centre for the Study of World Christianity, University of Edinburgh  
Division of History and Politics, University of Stirling  
Scotland-Malawi Partnership

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Registration from 08:30 to 09:00.

***Two Malawi Historians Remembered*** (09:00-10:00; Martin Hall)

***Opening remarks by Gerhard Anders and Brian Stanley (University of Edinburgh)***  
(09:00 to 09:10)

**John McCracken and Jack Thompson: Malawianists and friends to remember**  
Kings M. Phiri (Mzuzu University)  
(09:10 to 09:25)

**Memories of John McCracken** (09:25 to 09:45)

- (i) Megan Vaughan (UCL)
- (ii) David Bebbington (Stirling)

**Memories of Jack Thompson** (09:45-09:55)  
James L. Cox (Edinburgh – prerecorded)

***The Academy in Society*** (10:00 to 11:15; Martin Hall)

**The influence of John McCracken's scholarship on historical writing about Malawi between 1977 and 2017**

Wapulumuka O. Mulwafu (University of Malawi, Zomba)

**Commemorating and speculation in Malawi: The Past and Future role of the arts and humanities researcher in Malawi**

Chisomo Kalinga (University of Edinburgh)

**Andrew Ross, John McCracken and Jack Thompson: Three Malawi Historians and their Influence on Scotland-Malawi Relations Today**

Kenneth R Ross (Scotland-Malawi Partnership)

***Tea-Coffee*** (11:15 to 11:30)

***Material and Visual Culture*** (11:30-13:00; Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Room)

**Malawi's political culture: Shared and Contested historical memories**

Clement Mweso (National Archives of Malawi, Zomba)

**The UMCA at Pitt Rivers Museum: object lives and histories of Malawi collections**

Chimemwe Phiri (University of Oxford)

**Stirrings in Africa – The Peter Mackay Archive**

Rosanna Al-Mulla (University of Stirling)

**The African Collections of National Museums Scotland**

Lawrence Dritsas (University of Edinburgh)

***Lunch*** (13:00 to 14:00; Martin Hall)

***PANEL A: Malawi and Global History*** (14:00 to 15:15; Martin Hall)

**Chieftaincy in Kasungu: Reinvented, Re-emergent, or Resilient?**

Joey Power (Ryerson University, Toronto)

**Malawi and Migration: Enduring Concerns and New Directions**

Zoë Groves (University of Leicester)

**Clements Kadalie in Imperial Britain: Confronting the Limits of Race, Christian Brotherhood and Socialist Solidarity**

Henry Mitchell (University of Edinburgh)

***PANEL B: Christianity and Political Change in Africa*** (14:00 to 15:15; Elizabeth Templeton Lecture Room)

**Christianity, Colonialism and the Gikuyu Body Politic**

Tom Cunningham (University of Edinburgh)

**Frederick Nkhonde and the African Church of Christ: the invention of orthodoxy**

Joshua Newell (University of Oxford)

**Federation, the Church of Scotland, and the Visual Image**

Jeffrey G. Cannon (University of Edinburgh)

***Tea*** (15:15 to 15:45)

***Christian Missions and the Making of Modern Malawi*** (15:45 to 17:15; Martin Hall)

**The Rise and Fall of Christian Humanism in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Malawi**

Harri Englund (University of Cambridge)

**Mobilities and medicines in colonial Malawi: networks of empire, missions and labour**

Markku Hokkanen (University of Oulu)

**Pastors, priests and prophets: poverty and religion in Malawi 1953 – 2018**

John Lwanda (Glasgow)

**A Wind of Change Blew through the Mission, too**

Colin Cameron (Scotland-Malawi Partnership)

***Closing Remarks and Performance*** (17:15 to 17:45)