

The RAF in a World Transformed, 1945–49

Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 September 2020
Hosted Online from the RAF Museum

TIMES are GIVEN in British Summer Time (GMT/UTC + 1)

Monday 28 September

9:45 AM Welcome and Introduction

10:00 AM The RAF and Post-War Industry, Technology and Environmental Perspectives.

Gary Willis — Wings Over Britain: The relationship between the RAF and the landscape it flew over, 1939-1949

Hermione Giffard* — Designing for the War or After it? The case of the jet engine

Patrick Major* — Airmen on the Sun: Luftwaffe and RAF space scientists at the dawn of the Cold War

Chair: Edward Young

11:00 AM Break

11:15 AM Post-War Operational Design and Policy.

Paul Stoddart* — The White Heat of Technology? RAF Bomber Projects, 1945–49

Eric Grove* — A Division of Labour? 'Carrier Strike' versus Bomber Command in the Immediate Post- War Years

Michael Pryce* — The Fall of Icarus: RAF policy and fighter design 1945-49

Chair: Dr Maria Burczynska

12:40 PM Poster Session One.

12:45 PM Break

1:45 PM Keynote Address.

Martin Francis: The Flyer Confronts the Post-War Age: Survival, Guilt and Politics

Chair: Seb Cox

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM RAF History: People, Meaning and Interpretation.

Sally McGlone* — WRAF and The Cold War: The promulgation of the Women's Royal Air Force as a permanent part of the Royal Air Force, 1949

Stuart Hadaway — Redefining the Missing Problem: The RAF and the search for missing aircrew, 1945-52

Clive Richards* — Presenting 'the Air Force view': Air Ministry interpretations of the Royal Air Force's wartime history, 1945-1950

Russell Smith — From War to Windrush: The Black British legacy in a changing world

Chair: Dr Kathleen Sherit

4:45 PM Break

5:00 PM Virtual discussion and connection event: Twitter Hour featuring speakers and organisers. Follow the conference hashtag [#RAFMconference](https://twitter.com/RAFMconference) on twitter or tweet at [@RAFMhistorian](https://twitter.com/RAFMhistorian)

Tuesday 29 September

09:45 AM Welcome

10:00 AM Operations in War and Peace: The RAF in South-East Asia, 1945–49.

David Omissi — The Royal Air Force in India and South-East Asia, 1945–1948

David Jordan — The Royal Air Force and the Netherlands East Indies

Meor Alif Meor Azalan* — Advanced Air HQ Malaya, Trioxone, and 'jungle garden' destruction during the Malayan Emergency

Chair: Professor Wendy Webster

11:30 AM Break

11:45 AM Fostering Air Forces? The RAF and its International Relationships.

Loris Paoletti* — The RAF and the French Air Defence Command

Bill Pyke — The RAF and USAF 'Special Relationship' at a Time of Anglo-American Intergovernmental Strain, 1945-1948

Jean-Charles Foucrier* — Co-Operation Between the Royal Air Force and the French Air Force: Diplomatic, technical & operational considerations, 1945–49

Chair: Dr Sophy Antrobus

12:45 PM Poster Session Two.

12:50 PM Break

2:00 PM From Raids to Retrospection: Assessments of Strategic Bombing.

Alastair Noble — Hitting the Heart of Prussian Militarism: The RAF and the Potsdam raid

Seb Cox — Exercise Thunderbolt: Objective assessment of the Bomber Offensive or the Air Staff view of history?

Chair: TBC

3:30 PM Closing Remarks.