

Keynote Speakers

The 13th Biennial National Labour History Conference

Maurice Glasman is a Reader in Political Theory at London Metropolitan University and the author of *Unnecessary Suffering: Managing Market Utopia* published by Verso. He has been a key figure, along with Jon Cruddas, the head of Labour's policy review and James Purnell, in developing the idea of 'Blue Labour', described in April by the New Statesman as 'the dominant intellectual influence in the Labour Party.' He describes Blue Labour as the 'renewal of the Labour tradition based upon the values of reciprocity, responsibility and labour value.' In 2010 he was elevated to the Lords as a Labour peer by Ed Miliband. Prior to his appointment he worked with London Citizens on their Living Wage campaign and is centrally involved with the reorganisation of the Labour Party with Arnie Graf.

Greg Patmore is Professor of Business and Labour History and Director of the Business and Labour History Group and the Co-operative Research Group in the School of Business at the University of Sydney. He also chairs the School's Ethics Committee. His main research interests are labour history, comparative labour history, Rochdale consumer co-operatives, employee representation and the impact of industrialisation and deindustrialisation on regional economies. He currently has ARC Discovery funding for a history of non-union employee representation in Australia, Canada, Germany, the US and the UK in the interwar period focusing on employee representation plans, works councils, union management co-operative committees and works committees. Along with John Shields and Harry Knowles, he has been commissioned by Citigroup to undertake a history of its operations in Australia. With Nikola Balnave from Macquarie University, he is also researching the history of Rochdale consumer co-operatives in Australia and undertaking a commissioned history of the Barossa Community Store in Nuriootpa, South Australia. He is also undertaking a history of the Berkeley Co-operative in California, which was the largest consumer co-operative in North America. Under the auspices of the Co-operative Research Group, he is undertaking a project with colleagues at the University of Trento in Italy comparing the Australian and Italian co-operative movements. Greg is a member of the Steering Committee of the Consumers Co-operative Global History Project, which is based in Stockholm.