The past in the present: Reflections on coalmining and the miners’ strike 1984-85

Programme

09:00  Registration and coffee/tea
09:45  Welcome and introduction

10:00  Opening film: Breaking Point
       (the film will be introduced by the director, Kjell-Ake Andersson)

11:00  Break

11:15  Plenary: Women, place and community in the strike and today
       Chair: Sheila Rowbotham  I  Speakers: Sian James, Natalie Thomlinson

12:15  Lunch
13:15  **Panels: Context of the Strike**

- **Coal: A State Corporation**
  Speakers:  
  - Keith Gildart  
  - Ben Curtis

- **The Mass Strike: strategies and tactics, lessons for today**
  Speakers:  
  - Jane Holgate  
  - Ian Isaac

- **Building solidarity**
  Chair:  
  - Dai Donovan
  Speakers:  
  - Sian Moore  
  - Shavanah Taj

14:15  **Panels: Beyond the Industry**

- **The role of the state**
  Speakers:  
  - John (Lord) Hendy KC  
  - Joanna Gilmore  
  - Geoff Shears

- **The role of the media**
  Speakers:  
  - Granville Williams  
  - Nick Jones  
  - Polly Smythe

15:15  **Break**

15:30  **Panels: The Coalfields Today**

- **Memories of the strike, legacies of coal**
  Speakers:  
  - Helen Blakely  
  - Kat Simpson

- **Changed jobs; Changed Class?**
  Speakers:  
  - Richard Gater  
  - Dan Evans

- **Why are the coalfields distinctive?**
  Speakers:  
  - Victoria Winckler  
  - Rhys Davies

16:30  **Closing Plenary: The End of Coal - Contours of a Decarbonised Economy**
  Speaker:  
  - David Edgerton

17:30  **Post-Conference Reception**