

THE 1999 LORD BYRON FOUNDATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE END OF THE AMERICAN CENTURY? IMPLICATIONS FOR THE BALKANS, THE WEST, AND THE REST

London, England, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 16-18 April 1999

The key players within the European Union have established monetary union and may soon have a common European defense force, and some critics say that their supranational zeal undermines the traditional identity and institutions of the Old Continent. At the same time, faced with the threat of obsolescence and keen to prolong its shelf life, NATO is looking for new missions and new threats that would justify its existence. Its expansion into Eastern Europe is accompanied by escalating mission creep and fresh saber rattling in the Balkans.

Russia and China are growing impatient with the “one remaining superpower” - but America’s leaders are increasingly unrestrained in their interventionist zeal. And yet, just as it is getting more involved in open-ended military and political commitments in Europe, at home America is rapidly drifting away from its European heritage, from its traditional cultural and moral foundations in the pursuit of “diversity” and multiculturalism. As we approach the new millenium, does all this signify the end of what was once billed as *The American Century*?

Making sense of these trends is no easy task, but that’s what The Lord Byron Foundation is all about. Now is your chance to join: *Sir Alfred Sherman, Dr. Thomas Fleming, Dr. Samuel Francis, Dr. Ronald Hatchett, Dr. Michael Stenton, Dr. Srdja Trifkovic, Christopher Check, Yugo Kovac, Derek Turner* and other upholders of critical thought and unorthodox analysis from both sides of the Atlantic, for a conference on these and other issues.

Friday 16 April

6 p.m. Reception and Registration, *The Waverley House Hotel*

Address by Sir Alfred Sherman, “From Cuba to Kosovo”

Saturday 17 April

8:30 am-5:30 pm *Senate House, University of London, Russell Square*

8:45-10:15 Panel I: “Is There a New Imperialism?”

Michael Stenton “Cultural Hegemony”

Thomas Fleming “The New Evil Empire”

Chairman: Yugo Kovac

Discussant: Samuel Francis

10:30-12:00 Panel II: “Economic Aspects of New Imperialism”

David Hartman “America’s Economic Challenge”
Hugh Prysor-Jones “Monetary Politics, Power Politics”
Chairman: Raju Thomas
Discussant: Sir Alfred Sherman

12:15-1:45 Lunch (at the University)

Address by Derek Turner “A London Political Bestiary”

2:00-3:30 Panel III: “Two Imperial Visions”

Antony Flew “Liberty or Union”
Christopher Check “The Improbable Empire: America & NATO”
Chairman: Sir Alfred Sherman
Discussant: Michael Stenton

3:45-5:15 Panel IV: “The Fruits of Empire”

Srdja Trifkovic “Decadence and Imperialism”
Samuel Francis “The End of the American Nation”
Chairman: Derek Turner
Discussant: Thomas Fleming

7 for 7:30 Dinner (black tie optional), *The Waverley House Hotel*

Ambrose Evans-Pritchard: “The Euro and the European Future”

Sunday 18 April

9:00-11:00 Final panel and debate: “The Balkans--The 51st American State?”

Raju Thomas “Tools of Trade in NATO’s World”
Srdja Trifkovic “Serbophobia and Neoimperialist Elites”
Chairman: Thomas Fleming
Discussant: Yugo Kovac

11:30-1:30 Plowman’s lunch & beer at a nearby pub; informal debate

either: 2pm-11pm Bus trip to Birmingham for Serbian panel & banquet dinner; *or*

2:30 Sight-seeing tour of London, brief rest & dinner (location TBA)

Monday 19 April

Meetings with London-based political insiders and journalists (optional; details TBA)

PARTICIPANTS

Mr. Christopher Check is the executive vice-president of The Rockford Institute.

Dr. Thomas Fleming is the editor of *Chronicles: A Magazine of American Culture* and president of The Rockford Institute.

Dr. Antony Flew is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Reading.

Dr. Samuel Francis is a nationally syndicated columnist and a contributing editor to *Chronicles: A Magazine of American Culture*.

Mr. David Hartman is president and CEO of Hartland Bank in Austin, Texas, and chairman of the Board of The Rockford Institute.

Mr. Hugh Pryor-Jones, for many years BBC World Service presenter and current affairs analyst, is the director of *Television News International* (London and Cologne)

Mr. Yugo Kovac is the European coordinator of The Lord Byron Foundation

Sir Alfred Sherman is a writer, journalist, political consultant, and chairman of The Lord Byron Foundation.

Dr. Michael Stenton, director of studies of The Lord Byron Foundation, teaches modern history for the Board of Continuing Education, University of Cambridge.

Dr. Raju G.C. Thomas is a professor of political science at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dr. Srdja Trifkovic, executive director of The Lord Byron Foundation, is foreign editor of *Chronicles: A Magazine of American Culture*.

Mr. Derek Turner is the editor of *Right NOW!*