

CFP: Partition, Democracy, (and Europe)

An International symposium as part of the AHRC Research Network *Partitions: What Are They Good For?*

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We are delighted to announce the second symposium of the AHRC funded research network called ***Partitions: What Are They Good For?***, a comparative partitions studies network devoted to cutting-edge, international and interdisciplinary research on political partitions across a wide historical and geographical span. This symposium will be held at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, on March 1st and 2nd 2014.

What is the relationship between Empire (globalization) and partition (fragmentation)? If ethnic/racial/religious minorities are democracy's "other," what is democracy's relationship with partition? How can we begin to articulate citizenship mediated along ethnic/racial or religious sameness in partition democracies (India, Pakistan, Israel)?

How are institutions and statehoods readjusted in a multicultural Europe? What role does economics play in the partitioned states' relationship to the EU? How is European partition different from Asian or Middle Eastern partitions? What is the role of networking over the internet and the space it generates for partitioned populations in contemporary life? How does the framework of partition resonate for the indigenous of settler-nations such as Australia or New Zealand?

Papers on any aspects related to the main topic is welcome. Please send a 250 word abstract to **partitions@cf.ac.uk** and a brief biographical statement by **Oct 30th 2013**.