

**RUSI Conference
4 December 2017**

“Without Glory but without Disaster”: learning the lessons of British withdrawal from South Arabia on 30 November 1967.¹

09.00 Welcome

09.10 Keynote address: The historical and regional context of British involvement in Aden and South Arabia

- Professor Clive Jones, Chair in Regional Security, School of Government and International Affairs, University of Durham

09.45 – 11.00 The Policy challenges as seen from London

Chair: Professor Clive Jones

- Oliver Miles
- Dr Dennis Sammut, OBE, Oxford University
- Joseph Higgins, Southampton University

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee

11.10-12.40 The Political response in Aden and South Arabia

Chair: Oliver Miles

- John Ducker, former South Arabian political officer in Hadhramaut
- Godfrey Meynell, former South Arabian Political Officer in the West Aden Protectorate
- Dr Andrew Mumford, Associate Professor in Politics and International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Nottingham

12.40-13.45 Lunch

13.45 - 15.00 Security and military response: the protectorates as Aden’s shield or Achilles Heel

Chair: Helen Lackner

- Jonathan Walker, Military Historian and author of Aden Insurgency
- Dr Rory Cormac, Associate Professor of International Relations, School of Politics and International Relations, the University of Nottingham
- Dr Huw Bennett, Reader in International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations, School of Law and Politics, Cardiff University

15.00 - 16.15 The impact on Oman and the UAE

Chair: Dr Noel Guckian CVO OBE

- Dr James Worrall, Associate Professor in International Relations & Middle East Studies, School of Politics & International Studies, University of Leeds, on Oman
- Professor Simon C. Smith, Department of History University of Hull, on the UAE

¹ Quote from Humphrey Trevelyan, Britain’s last High Commissioner, in *The Middle East in Revolution* (Gambit, 1970) p 285.

16.15-16.45 Tea

16.45- 18.00 Legacy and lessons: Aden and the South in 2017

Chair: Dr Noel Brehony CMG

- Thanos Petouris, Independent researcher
- Helen Lackner, London Middle East Institute, SOAS

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