

## THE CONFERENCE

From 28 October through 1 November 1647, Oliver Cromwell, his son-in-law Henry Ireton, and other officers of the New Model army met with activists among the troops to discuss *An Agreement of the People*, a Leveller plan for a radically different English government than had ever been known: one without a king and house of lords, and with a parliament elected on the basis of universal manhood suffrage, or something close to it. This international conference, sponsored by the Center for the History of British Political Thought, celebrates the 350th anniversary of these debates. Papers will address the political, cultural, religious, and military setting of the debates, the debates themselves, and the legacy of the debates and Leveller activism for the Restoration, for collateral issues such as political participation by women, and for later historiography.

## THE CENTER

The Folger Institute Center for the History of British Political Thought was established in 1984 by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Center seeks to remap the patterns of discourse in a major political culture over the three seminal centuries 1500-1800. The Center's steering committee is chaired by J.G.A. Pocock, emeritus of Johns Hopkins University, and includes Linda Levy Peck of George Washington University, Gordon Schochet of Rutgers University, Lois G. Schworer, emeritus of George Washington University, and Kathleen Lynch of the Folger Institute.

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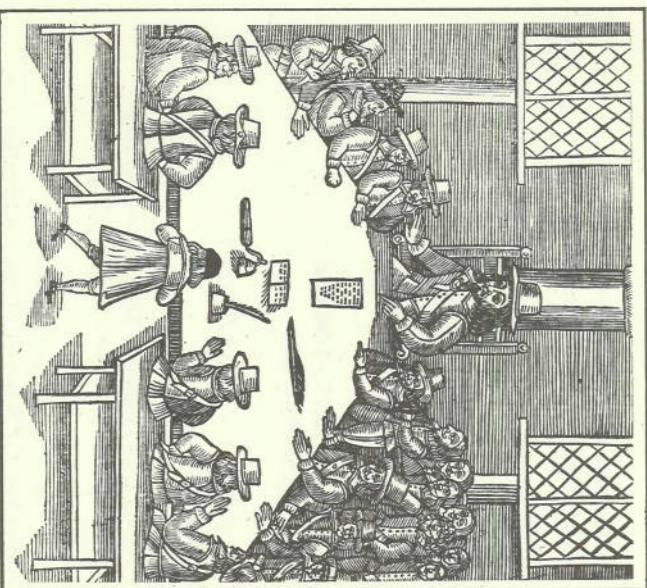
Woodcut frontispiece to *A Declaration of the Engagements, Remonstrances, Representations, Proposals, Desires and Resolutions . . . . For the Setting of His Majesty in His Just Rights, the Parliament in their Just Privileges, and the Subjects in their Liberties and Freedomes . . . . 27 Septembrs, 1647.*

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## THE PUTNEY DEBATES,

### 1647

3 and 4 October 1997



A Conference Organized by Michael Mendle

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## FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER 1997

REGISTRATION — 8:30 A.M.

SESSION I — BEFORE PUTNEY  
9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

*Introductory Remarks*

Michael Mendle, University of Alabama

*Puritanism and Liberty*

William Lamont, University of Sussex

*Conscience and the Levellers*

Gordon Schochet, Rutgers University

**BREAK**

*The Army, the State, and the Soldier  
in the English Civil War*

Barbara Donagan, Huntington Library

LUNCH — 12:15 - 1:30 P.M.

Box lunches provided

SESSION II — NEAR PUTNEY

1:30 - 3:15 P.M.

*Anonymous Pamphlets: The Levellers and Others*

G.E. Aylmer, St. Peter's College, Oxford

*The Case of the Armie Truly Restated*

John Morrill, Selwyn College, Cambridge

**BREAK**

SESSION III — AT PUTNEY

3:45 - 5:15 P.M.

*Putney's Clarke*

Lesley Le Claire, Worcester College, Oxford

*Who Was Debating What, and Why?*

Austin Woolrych, emeritus, University of Lancaster

## SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER 1997

REGISTRATION — 8:30 A.M.

SESSION IV — AFTER PUTNEY  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

*The Leveller Legacy from the Restoration  
to the Exclusion Crisis*

Tim Harris, Brown University

*"The Ingenious Mr. Henry Care": Restoration Polemicist*

Lois G. Schworer, emeritus, George Washington  
University

**BREAK**

*The Poorest She: Women and Citizenship  
in Early Modern England*

Patricia Crawford, University of Western Australia

LUNCH — 12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

SESSION V — BEYOND PUTNEY

1:30 - 3:15 P.M.

*Reading to Whitehall: Henry Ireton's Journey*

Barbara Taft, Washington, D.C.

*The Levellers and their Historians*

Blair Worden, University of Sussex

**BREAK**

SESSION VI — CONCLUDING DISCUSSION

3:45 - 4:45 P.M.

Chaired by J.G.A. Pocock, emeritus, Johns Hopkins  
University

**CLOSING RECEPTION**

4:45 - 6:00 p.m.

## REGISTRATION

Although enrollment in the conference is open, preregistration is necessary. The registration fee of \$50 helps to defray the expenses of lunch, coffee, tea, and receptions.

To register for the conference, please complete this form and return it, with your registration fee, to the Institute no later than 2 September 1997. Please make your check payable to the Folger Institute.

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Application for consortium grants-in-aid of attendance should be made by the 2 September registration deadline. Application forms are obtainable from the Institute offices or from the Folger home page on the world wide web at <http://www.Folger.edu>. For further information contact Martha Fay at (202) 675-0333 or e-mail <[Institute@Folger.edu](mailto:Institute@Folger.edu)>

A block of single and double suites has been reserved for conference participants at the St. James hotel, located at 950 24th St., N.W., next to the Foggy Bottom metro stop. Rates are as follows:

Single	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Double	\$115	\$99	\$99
	\$135	\$99	\$99

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