

SCOTTISH HISTORY SOCIETY

Annual Presidential Lecture

Saturday 10 March 2018

Event begins at 11am, with Presidential Lecture at 2pm
Meadows Lecture Theatre, Old Medical School,
Teviot Place, University of Edinburgh

The President of the Scottish History Society, **Professor Roger Mason**,
will deliver his fifth Presidential Lecture:

Inventing the Scots V: Scotland and Britain, 1300-1700

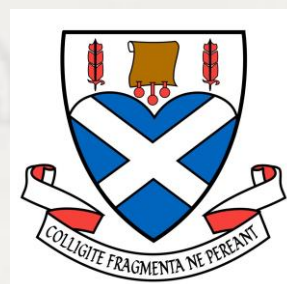


In his final presidential address, Professor Mason will confront Scotland's problematic relationship with England – 'the elephant on the island' – that did so much to shape Scottish self-perceptions as delineated in his previous lectures. The lecture will begin by exploring late medieval ideas of Britain and the extent to which English and Scottish understandings of the term converged and diverged. This will lead on to a discussion of the way that union between the two kingdoms was conceived and legitimised in the 16th and 17th centuries. The lecture will argue that Scottish ideas of a union of equal partners proved unsustainable in the context of the multiple Stuart monarchy created in 1603, and will reflect on how and why the Scots' sense of themselves as a distinct kingdom, community, kirk and nation survived the creation of a unitary British state in 1707.

Prior to Professor Mason's lecture there will be talks from recent editors of Scottish History Society volumes.

Attendance at the Lecture and AGM is free, but advance booking is advised. To book, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-scottish-history-society-presidential-lecture-and-annual-general-meeting-2018-tickets-42190118781>



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