



Findings from the Economic and Research Council's
Research Programme on *Devolution and Constitutional Change*



Programme **Diversity and Unity: The Challenges of Devolution**

A joint conference of the **British Council, Spain**,
the Economic and Social Research Council's programme on
Devolution and Constitutional Change
with the collaboration of the
Fundación José Ortega y Gasset
and the **Fundación Wellington**

9 – 10 March 2005, Madrid

Wednesday 9 March

Venue: Hotel Wellington, Velázquez, 8 (Madrid)

18.00 *Welcome and Introduction with*

Chris Hickey, Director British Council Spain,
Charlie Jeffery, Director of the Economic and Social Research Council's Devolution and
Constitutional Change Programme
Antonio Garrigues-Walker, President, Fundación Ortega y Gasset
Luis Navarro, President, Fundación Wellington

18.15 *Panel Debate:*

'London and Madrid, Britishness and Spanishness',
chaired by Peter Riddell, *The Times*

- Steven Norris, Park Place Communications
- Alberto Ruiz Gallardón, Mayor of Madrid
- Tom Burns Director of Communications, Recoletos Group

20.00 *Cocktails and buffet dinner*

Thursday 10 March

Venue: Fundación Ortega y Gasset, Fortuny 53 (Madrid)

09:00 Coach depart promptly to the venue

09:30 *Plenary session I: 'Unity and Diversity: Meeting the Challenges of Devolution'* speeches by

- Lord Irvine of Lairg
- Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Spanish Justice Minister

10.30 *Coffee break, including Group Photograph*

11.00 *Workshop Session I*

Workshop A: 'National Identities' – (Biblioteca)

- 'Identities in Conflict or Harmony: Evidence from Public Opinion'
John Curtice (Strathclyde University and Head of Research, Scottish Centre for Social Research)
Luis Moreno (Researcher, Spanish National Research Council)

- 'New Spaniards, New Britons: Where do they Fit?'
Asifa Hussain and Bill Miller (Department of Politics, University of Glasgow)
Joaquín Arango (Director of the PhD Programme on Migration, Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset)

Workshop B: 'Institutions of Britishness/Spanishness' – (Sala del árbol)

- 'Public Broadcasting'
Brian Taylor (Political Editor, BBC Scotland) on the BBC
Carmen Caffarel (Director General, Spanish TV)
- 'The Monarchy'
Vernon Bogdanor (Brasenose College, Oxford University)
Charles Powell (Researcher, Real Instituto Elcano)

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Workshop Session II

Workshop C: 'Devolution and the National Economy' – (Biblioteca)

- 'What should we do about Regional Economic Disparities?'
Stewart Wood (Special Adviser at HM Treasury)
Jesus Ruiz Huerta (Director, Institute of Fiscal Studies)
- 'Is Devolution Good for Business?'
TBC
Gerardo Díaz (First Vice-President, Official Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

Workshop D: 'Equity and Diversity' – (Sala del árbol)

- 'Is Devolution a Problem for the Welfare State?'
Dan Wincott (University of Birmingham)
Valeriano Gómez (Secretary-General of Employment, Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs)
- 'Do Citizens want Equity of Policy Outcomes?'
Alison Park (Research Director, National Centre for Social Research)
Emilio Lamo de Espinosa (Director, Real Instituto Elcano)

16.30 Coffee Break

17.00 Panel Debate: 'The Role of the Centre',
chaired by Iñigo Gurruchaga (London Correspondent of El Periódico)

- Alison Jackson (Director, Wales Office)
- Pedro Gonzalez Trevijano (Rector, University Rey Juan Carlos)
- Michael Lugton (Head of Constitution and Parliamentary Secretariat, Scottish Executive)
- Manuel Villoria (Director, Government and Public Affairs Programme, Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset)

18.30 Closing speech by Jordi Sevilla, Secretary of State for Public Affairs

19.15 Depart by Coach for tour of the "Guernica" at the Museum Reina Sofía

21.00 Reception and Dinner – at the Comunidad de Madrid with addresses by Jim Wallace, Deputy First Minister, The Scottish Parliament TBC, and Esperanza Aguirre, President, Madrid Autonomous Community