



The King's School, Grantham

**The Twentieth Burghley Lecture
Tuesday 6 October 2015
2:00pm in the Old School**



Given by

Professor John Darwin

Professor of Global & Imperial History at Nuffield College, Oxford University

On

**“Jewel in the Crown or Unlimited Liability:
India's impact on the British Empire 1857-1947”**

History of The Burghley & Old Boys' Society Lecture

- 1985 Dr Lucy Newlyn, St Edmund Hall, Oxford
Romanticism
- 1986 Dr John Spurr, St Edmund Hall, Oxford
The English Revolution, 1640-60
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Henry VIII and the Reformation
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Mergers Policy
- 1990 Dr Adrian Poole, Trinity College, Cambridge
The Fascination of What's Difficult
- 1992 Professor Jack Spence, Royal Institute of International Affairs
The Political Situation in South Africa
- 1993 Mr G P Dyer, Curator of The Royal Mint
The Importance and Significance of Coin Design
- 1994 Mr M Midlane, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst
Nationalism and Identity
- 1995 Professor Robert Stepsis, University of Evansville
Kingship in Shakespeare's Henry IV
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Lord Salisbury's Imperialism
- 2000 Sir Bernard Ingham
Politics and the Media
- 2001 Viscount Cranborne, former MP and Leader of the House of Lords
House of Commons, House of Lords – Do they Work, Does it Matter?
- 2002 Howard Davies
Learning to Succeed
- 2004 Lord Giles Radice, Labour Party Politician and Historian
Personality and Politics
- 2005 Dr David Smith, Selwyn College, Cambridge
Oliver Cromwell and the Reform of Parliament

- 2011 Professor Lord Hennesy of Nympsfield, Queen Mary College, London
Watching Prime Ministers – British Prime Ministers Since 1945
- 2012 Richard Carwardine, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford
Abraham Lincoln's Leadership
- 2013 Stephen Alford, Professor of Early Modern British History, Univ. of Leeds
'The Kingship of Edward VI'
- 2014 Dr Matthew S Seligmann, Reader in History, Brunel University
'The Origins of the First World War: A Political Problem or a Historiographical One?'
- 2015 John Darwin, Professor of Global & Imperial History, Nuffield College, Oxford University
'Jewel in the Crown or Unlimited Liability: India's impact on the British Empire 1857-1947'

Biography of Professor John Darwin



JOHN DARWIN is Professor of Global & Imperial History at Nuffield College, Oxford University.

His main field of interest has been in the history of empires, both their rise and fall, and in global history – that is the history of the movement of peoples, goods, ideas and information across the world and across national boundaries.

John's particular focus has been on the ways in which empires exploit, adapt to and are often disrupted by global movements over which they have little if any control. He has explored these connections in three books: *After Tamerlane: the global history of empire* (Penguin, 2007); *The Empire Project: the rise and fall of the British World System 1830-1970* (Cambridge University Press, 2009); and *Unfinished Empire: the global expansion of Britain* (Penguin, 2012).

His current research is into the role of the great port cities of the nineteenth and twentieth century (including Montreal, New Orleans, Cape Town, Calcutta, Singapore, Hong Kong) in shaping the growth not only of a new global economy, but also of the exchange of ideas and the different visions of modernity that accompanied earlier phases of globalisation.

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