

Friday 12 July 2013

Colloquium on William Lyon Mackenzie King – unsung hero?

Call for papers and invitation to attend

Room 103 and the Americas Room

UCL Institute of the Americas

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This is an international conference to be held at the UCL Institute of the Americas on 12 July 2013 that aims to reevaluate the political career of William Lyon Mackenzie King – Canada's longest serving Prime Minister (1921-1926, 1926-1930, 1935-1948). Mackenzie King occupied the position of Prime Minister for 22 years in all during a period that witnessed the great depression, the Second World War and the onset of the Cold War. He led the Liberal party to a succession of election victories and was in many ways the most successful politician in Canadian history. And yet his career has rarely received the attention that it deserves and he is perhaps better known for his dabbling in the spirit world than he is for his political accomplishments.

Papers are invited on any aspect of Mackenzie King's political career, including the period before he became Prime Minister. Funding for presenters is available to cover accommodation at the conference hotel on Friday 12 July and reasonable travel expenses. The conference will take place from 11.00am to 5.00pm on 12 July. Panels will last 90 minutes and will consist of 3 or 4 papers of 15 to 20 minutes plus time for questions. If you are interested in submitting a paper for the conference please send a short synopsis of your topic and a brief c.v. to the conference organiser, Tony McCulloch (t.mcculloch@ucl.ac.uk) as soon as possible and **preferably no later than 1 April**. Please also let Tony know if you would like to attend the conference – for which there is no charge.

It is intended that selected papers from the conference will be published as a volume of essays or as a special issue of a Canadian Studies journal.