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Tacit Alliance?

Franklin Roosevelt, Stanley Baldwin and the Anglo-American Rapprochement of 1935-37



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Tony McCulloch

(UCL Institute of the Americas)

Monday, 3rd November

5:00 – 6:30 PM

Pavilion Room, Gateway Building
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Dr Tony McCulloch is Senior Fellow in Canadian Studies at the UCL Institute of the Americas and is President of the British Association for Canadian Studies. His academic interests lie chiefly within the area of governmental and transnational relations between Canada, the United States and Britain since 1865. In this presentation, he will examine US-British relations during the years just prior to the outbreak of World War II, arguing that while claims that a "tacit alliance" between the US and the UK during this period are overstated, the Roosevelt administration was keen to improve Anglo-American relations at this time in response to the worsening political situation overseas. McCulloch will contend that FDR's struggle against isolationist opinion in the US began much earlier than is usually supposed and that the Roosevelt-Baldwin period from June 1935 to May 1937 was a crucial part of this process. This *rapprochement* survived the cooling of relations that occurred during the Roosevelt-Chamberlain years and laid the foundations of the later wartime co-operation between the two governments. He will conclude by suggesting that while Churchill was the publicist of the Anglo-American 'special relationship' from May 1940, FDR was its architect.