



THE ROUNDTABLE

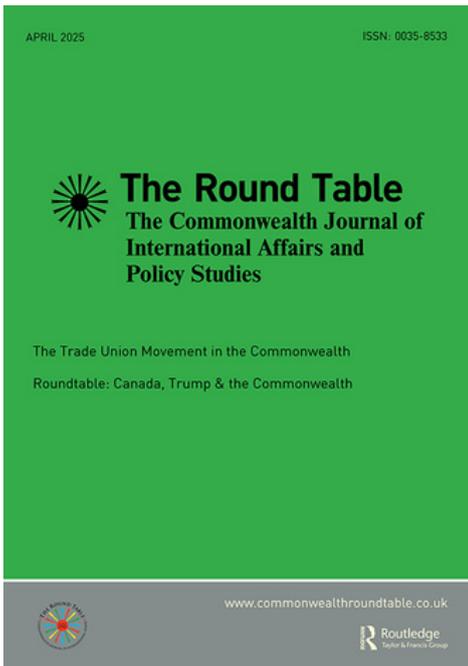
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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE JOURNAL

CANADA, TRUMP AND THE COMMONWEALTH



In our current issue of the journal just out:

- ROUND TABLE Perspectives on [Canada, Trump and the Commonwealth](#), from historians Ged Martin and Wesley Wark, political scientist Kim Richard Nossal, economic historian Brian D. Varian, and CJA President Chris Cobb.
- The [Commonwealth trade union movement and Council's Post-1945 history](#) is explored by Carl Wright.
- [Baroness \(Patricia\) Scotland years as Commonwealth Secretary-General](#) are evaluated by Stephan Chan.
- Other topics include [Trump and the Caribbean, women in Nigerian politics, Rwanda's role in eastern DRC to India's role in global health](#).

To access the journal, visit the website [here](#).

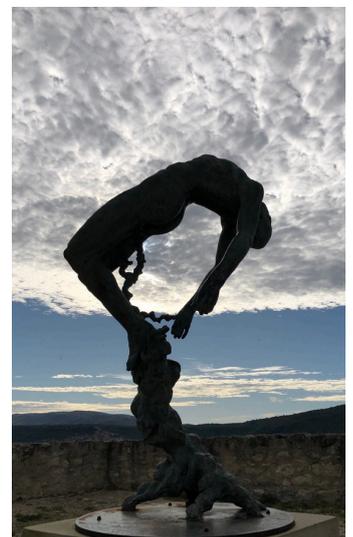
CALL FOR PAPERS

THE DEBATE OVER REPARATIONS

Reparations for slavery have become a [Commonwealth issue](#), as the Commonwealth increasingly has its '[moment of reckoning](#)' with its origins in the British Empire. The Round Table is keen to widen the debate beyond state-to-state relationships and calls for redress being led by the CARICOM group of Caribbean nations.

Scholars, doctoral students and post-graduates, and research analysts are invited to submit papers on cultural, legal, political, social, economic and moral issues, involved in historic and contemporary reparation. These should be an abstract of maximum 500 words, with a short cv, to Professor Sue Onslow (sue.onslow@kcl.ac.uk) **by 31 May 2025**.

More information [here](#).





REFERENDUMS IN SMALL STATES

The spectre of Donald Trump frequently loomed over participants in a conference on [‘Referendums in Small States and Territories’](#), held at Queen Mary University of London in mid-April. With contributions ranging from Bonaire to Bougainville, and Gibraltar to Greenland, experts discussed the particular problems of holding referendums in small states and territories, in an increasingly uncontrollable media environment. View our report [here](#).

RT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

THE 2024 PETER LYON PRIZE

The [2024 Peter Lyon prize](#) has been awarded to Belyndar Maonia Rikimani, a young climate activist from the Solomon Islands, for her article on [‘Climate justice and Pacific Island countries – a case study on grassroots advocacy’](#). The prize is named after the journal’s editor from 1983 to 2004, and is awarded for the best-voted policy-relevant article published in the previous year.



SELECTED EVENTS



WRITING AND PUBLISHING ACADEMIC ARTICLES IN THE HUMANITIES

On the 30th May, Professor Sue Onslow, Editor of the journal, will lead an [interactive online session](#) which will cover preparation and submission of articles for academic journals. Sue is also an editorial board member of Cold War History, The Royal United Services Institute journal, and a visiting Professor of Political Economy, King’s College London. Read more about the event [here](#).

FROM THE ARCHIVE: A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

COLOGNE, THE SECURITY PACT AND THE LEAGUE

One hundred years ago, Germany was still in ‘special measures’ for provoking the First World War. In this article, **Philip Kerr (later Lord Lothian)** set out a case for the reintegration of Germany into international society and the renegotiation of the punitive Versailles peace terms - presciently predicting that ‘there is certain to be a great internal battle between the progressive and reactionary forces in Germany’. Today, debates over Germany’s role in global politics are again acute. Read this article from 1925 [here](#).

