

2013 SEMINAR PROGRAMME

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Room 401

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HOW TO STOP A MEGA-PROJECT THE CASE OF THE THIRD RUNWAY AT HEATHROW

The successful campaign to stop a third runway at Heathrow will be taken as a case study. The strategy to stop the third runway came out emerged from lessons learnt from past failures: to stop terminals four and five. The strategy contained four key elements:

- the formation of coalitions*
- challenge the economic arguments put forward for the third runway*
- putting forward alternative solutions, such as rail*
- running a visible, high-profile, pro-active campaign*

The talk will outline each element of the strategy and will show how they combined to stop the third runway at Heathrow. It will then look at the impact of the failure of the 3rd runway to be built on the aviation industry, on government and on campaign movements across Europe.

** John Stewart has worked or campaigned in the field of transport and the environment for over 30 years. He worked for Lambeth Public Transport for over a decade. He was prominent in the campaigns against road building in London in the 1980s and nationally in the 1990s. He is a past Chair of the Campaign for Better Transport and of the road safety charity, RoadPeace. For the past 12 years he has been the executive chair of HACAN, which represents residents under the Heathrow flight paths. He is the President of UECNA, the European NGO which represents communities living around airports. He is also the chair of the UK Noise Association and has recently been appointed to the Board of London TravelWatch. He appears regularly on the media and is the author of a number of publications, including Why Noise Matters, published by Earthscan in 2011. In 2008 he was voted 'the UK's most effective environmentalist' by the Independent on Sunday.*

All are welcome and participation is free.

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