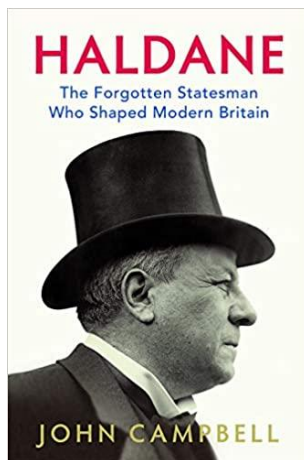


## EARLY EVENING LECTURE

John Campbell

Tuesday 8 December 2020

*Haldane: The Forgotten Statesman  
Who Shaped Modern Britain'*



Richard Burdon Haldane (1856-1928) was a great Scot, a great Briton, and a formidable influence on the constitutional governance of the Empire, especially Canada. Born in Charlotte Square, his life as a lawyer, philosopher and statesman meant that from the age of 21 he lived and worked principally in London, but much of his brilliant thinking was done at Cloan, the Haldane family home in Perthshire.

As War Minister he created the BEF, the Territorial Army, the OTCs, MI5, MI6 and laid the foundations of the Royal Flying Corps. His educational work on the structure of London University, the formation of LSE and of Imperial, and the creation of the modern 'red brick' civic universities was exceptional. He brought his Scottish love of learning to the national stage. He was Rector of Edinburgh and Chancellor of St Andrews universities. As Lord Chancellor he brought his judicial activism to bear in reinterpreting the Canadian constitution. He was a home ruler within a United Kingdom then of course comprising both Great Britain and Ireland. With an extraordinary network ranging from Kings to Kaiser, Wilde to Einstein, Churchill to Asquith, Grey to Balfour, Carnegie to the Rothschilds, he could think through great ideas and enable their execution.

John believes that Haldane's approach has enormous relevance to our search for just societies today and has set out to reinstate Haldane as Britain's outstanding example of true and sustained statesmanship in peace and war.

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