



'You say you want a revolution': does public sector reform have a happy history?

International public management scholars frequently make their way to Wellington to admire the rigour, comprehensiveness and courage of NZ's various grand schemes for public sector reform, the latest of which is of course *Better Public Services*.

But in all the excitement, it can be useful to bring the painstaking and sometimes sceptical eye of the professional historian to the last big reform, and the one before that. What did they *really* achieve and what's left over from previous reform efforts which might actually be getting in the way of what we're doing now?

For the view from both London and Wellington and the chance to contribute your own perspective, please join our two thought provoking speakers as they look both forward and back.

Moderator: Dr Michael Macaulay, IGPS

Date:	Friday 5 August 2016
Time:	12.00-12.30pm: Registration & light refreshments 12.30-1.45pm: Seminar
Venue:	Hotel Rydge's - Grand Ballroom 75 Featherston Street Wellington
RSVP:	Wednesday 3 August 2016

This is a FREE seminar but bookings are essential.

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Speaker details:



Dr Catherine Haddon has been the Institute for Government, UK's resident historian since 2008. She leads the Institute's work on the history of Whitehall and reform and on managing changes of government.

Previously Catherine was a lecturer on security and intelligence history, taught contemporary British history and worked as a historian and researcher contributing to various publications for the Cabinet War Rooms' Churchill Museum and for media outlets. Catherine is also very interested in improving the way in which academics engage with policy and government.

Catherine has brought an historical angle to the Institute's blog and its evidence for more effective government. She advises and gives evidence to parliamentary select committees. She has written articles for various academic and non-academic journals, including *Civil Service World* and *Total Politics*. Catherine has also worked on the Institute's Transforming Whitehall Departments program.



Colin James is a political journalist of more than 40 years' experience. He writes weekly columns in the *Otago Daily Times*, and is New Zealand correspondent for *Oxford Analytics*. Colin is a senior

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