

CMH@20

Metropolitan History: Past, Present, Future

30–31 October 2008

Goodenough College, Mecklenburgh Square,
London WC1N 2AB

This conference is being held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Centre for Metropolitan History (CMH), at the Institute of Historical Research. It will also mark the retirement of Derek Keene from his post as Leverhulme Professor of Comparative Metropolitan History. The conference brings together scholars from the UK, continental Europe and North America, many of whom have worked closely with Derek and the Centre over the years, and will also present new research arising from recent projects hosted by the CMH. The conference is sponsored by the Leverhulme Trust.

Provisional Programme

Thursday 30 October

09:30 *Registration and coffee*

09:55 Welcome (Matthew Davies, Director of the CMH)

10:00 **PLENARY LECTURE**

Maarten Prak (Utrecht)

Citizenship and urban politics in pre-modern Europe

11.00 *Coffee*

11.15 **Panel Session - Metropolitan Identities**

Erik Spindler (Brussels)

Transient identities: sailors in late medieval Bruges and London

Catherine Wright (CMH)

'Natives of this country': Dutch merchants in seventeenth-century London

Kathrin Pieren (CMH)

Local, national and transnational identities in exhibitions of Jewish art and history in London at the turn of the 20th century

12:45 *Lunch*

13:35 Panel Session – Environments

Jim Galloway (CMH)

‘Tempests of weather and great abundance of water’: the flooding of the Thames marshes in the later middle ages

Mark Merry/Philip Baker (CMH)

Housing environments and health in early modern London

Carlos López Galviz (CMH)

Metropolitan planning and the city railway: London and Paris c.1890–1907

15:05 *Tea*

15:20 Panel Session – Commercialisation

Richard Britnell (Durham)

The proliferation of markets revisited

Peter Stabel (Antwerp)

International trade and luxury consumption in a late medieval commercial city: Bruges and its trading network in the fifteenth century

Perry Gauci (Oxford)

Sir Charles Cooke and the commercialization of politics

16:50 PLENARY LECTURE

Maryanne Kowaleski (Fordham)

Port towns and their regions in medieval England: maritime labour and industry

18:00 *CONFERENCE RECEPTION*



Friday 31 October

09:30 Panel session – Material Culture and Technology

Rob Iliffe (Sussex)

London as a centre of technical innovation in the seventeenth century

Alex Werner (Museum of London)

‘Recourse to workmen themselves’: illustrating the ‘mechanic arts’ and trades in the Universal Magazine and Dictionary, 1747–1754

Anita McConnell (Cambridge)

Hiding in the Forest – the Gilbert’s rural scientific instrument manufactory

11:00 *Coffee*

11:20 Panel Session – Cities and Regions

Margaret Murphy (Discovery Programme, Dublin)

Feeding another city: provisioning Dublin in the later Middle Ages

Jonathan Mackman/Matthew Stevens (CMH)

Revisiting 'London's economic hinterland': trade and distribution networks in the fifteenth century

Chris Dyer (Leicester)

The view from the village

12:50 Lunch

13:40 Panel Session – Governance

Matthew Davies (CMH)

Crown, City and Guild in the later middle ages

Ian W. Archer (Oxford)

Metropolitan government and politics: a changing agenda?

Richard Dennis (UCL)

Observation, regulation and improvement: scenes from the governmentality of Victorian London

15:10 Tea

15:30 PLENARY LECTURE

Vanessa Harding (Birkbeck)

Medieval, early modern, modern: transitions in London's history

16:30 CLOSING REMARKS

17:00 END

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