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THE SOCIETY: NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The July meeting of the Executive was pleased to welcome new members: Professor Mike French (newly-elected Treasurer), Professor Avner Offer (chair, Conference Committee) and Dr Anne Laurence (chair, Women's Committee). The Executive also bade farewell to Oliver Westall whose extended term as Treasurer, which ended at the meeting, had allowed him to undertake important transitional work for the Society – especially in relation to initiatives regarding the new website.

The redesign and build of the Society's website, in collaboration with Blackwells, were discussed and are progressing well. It is hoped that the new site will go online in the autumn of this year. Full details of the launch and the website will be given in the next newsletter.

The annual liaison meeting with the ESRC, attended by representatives of the Social History Society and the Association of Business Historians, will take place in October 2002. Members are invited to submit agenda items, preferably by e-mail, to the administrative secretary (ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk).

Dr Zahedieh welcomed the large number of applications to the residential training course for postgraduate students. The course, supported by the ESRC, will take place 28 November-1 December 2002 at Chancellors, the residential conference centre at the University of Manchester. A schools conference will be held in Glasgow during the session 2002-2003 and it is hoped that a similar conference may be organised in England in the near future.

Following consultation with members of Council, six nominations for new Academicians have been made to the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences. The outcome will be advised in late September. The Society recently made a detailed response to questions raised by the ALSISS review of social science and we look forward to seeing the final report.

The Society continues to liaise with HUDG, the Social History Society, the History, Classics and Archaeology Panel of the Learning Technology Support Network (LTSN) and other history bodies.

Also discussed at the Executive Committee meeting were the ongoing series of video interviews with historians being produced for the Society by Negley Harte and the major institutional survey of the teaching of economic and social history in UK higher education being conducted for the Society by Roger Ryan. Fuller details of these will be included in a forthcoming newsletter.

The next Standing Conference meeting of representatives of UK teaching departments in higher education will be held on 2 November. Suggestions for the programme should be sent to the administrative secretary.

Finally, if you have any suggestions for the Executive or Council concerning the activities of the Society, including the nature and content of the newsletter or any other matter, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please address your comments to the administrative secretary.

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY *STUDIES IN HISTORY*

As reported in the May issue of the newsletter, the Economic History Society is now associated with the publication of the Royal Historical Society's *Studies in History*, and is represented on the editorial board for the series.

Members of the Society now have the opportunity to purchase volumes at a reduced cost of £15 per volume. An order form is included with this newsletter.

The following volumes will be available during 2002-2003:

Jeremy Burchardt

The Allotment Movement in England, 1793-1873

The living standards of the rural poor suffered a severe decline in the first half of the nineteenth century as a result of high population growth, changing agricultural practices, enclosure and the decline of rural industries. Allotment provision was the most important counterweight to the pressures. This book offers the first systematic analysis of the early nineteenth-century allotment movement, providing new data on the chronology of the movement and on the number, geographical distribution, size, rents, cultivation yields and effect on living standards of allotments, showing how the movement brought the culture of the rural labouring poor more closely into line with the mainstream values of respectable mid-Victorian England. This book casts new light on central aspects of early and mid-nineteenth-century social and economic history, agriculture and rural society.

John Roland Cramsie

Kingship and Crown Finance under James VI and I, 1603-1625

This book rejects outright the stereotypical image of James VI and I as mindlessly extravagant and integrates crown finance with James's kingship. It offers both a fresh view of crown finance – one of the blackest elements in James's historical reputation – and a reconstruction of how the king who wrote on divine right monarchy operated his kingship in practice. Drawing on both his humanist education, particularly his reading of Xenophon's *Cyropaedia*, and his kingship in Scotland, James developed a clear, considered agenda for crown finance. He used it consciously to underwrite his novel position as the first king of 'Great Britain' and to consolidate

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the Stuart dynasty outside of Scotland. This study analyses in detail how James fashioned and refashioned political regimes in England to further this agenda between 1603-1625. In so doing, it treats crown finance as a study in kingship which reveals the dynamic, sometimes fraught, interaction of political ideas and action. By moving beyond older stereotypes and treatments of crown finance as an institutional topic, this study provides fundamental insights into James himself and into his personal rule.

Stephanie Salzmann

Great Britain, Germany and the Soviet Union: Rapallo and after, 1922-1934

The treaty of Rapallo, which Germany and the Soviet Union concluded in the small Italian seaside resort during Easter 1922, ranks among the diplomatic coups de surprise of the twentieth century. Even today the ‘ghost of Rapallo’ has lost little of its original fascination. Besides the myths and historical re-interpretations, the real historical impact of the treaty of Rapallo lies in its consequences particularly for the two victorious powers of the First World War: Britain and France. This study examines the impact of Rapallo on British foreign policy between 1922 and 1934, when the signing of the German-Polish non-aggression pact marked the visible end of the Rapallo friendship. The ‘myth of Rapallo’ is the central theme of this story, as ever since the treaty’s conclusion Rapallo has been a byword for Soviet-German secret and potentially dangerous collaboration. This book describes how the British viewed the Rapallo co-operation, how they dealt with this special relationship, and analyses whether it is justifiable to speak of a ‘myth of Rapallo’ in British policy in France. While examining a particular aspect of international relations it throws additional light on broader topics of European relations in the 1920s and early 1930s.

Mark Freeman

Social Investigation in Rural England, 1876-1914

This book explores the theory and practice of social investigation in rural England in the period 1870-1914. It shows the extent to which a developing ‘passion for inquiry’ drew to the English countryside a wide range of social investigators concerned with such issues as agricultural trade unionism, rural depopulation, rural poverty, the condition of rural housing and the land question. Adopting a broad definition of social investigation, incorporating reports of royal commissions and

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special correspondent journalists as well as the popular literary accounts of Richard Jefferies and George Sturt, it also enhances the literature of social inquiry by examining the rural investigations of men like Charles Booth and Seebohm Rowntree, best known for their urban social surveys. At the same time *Social Investigation in Rural England* makes a significant contribution to the rural history of the period, by illustrating how social and political conflicts in the English countryside influenced the processes of information-gathering by social investigators, and how the rural population responded to their activities.

Richard Toye

The Labour Party and the Planned Economy, 1931-1951

In the general election of 1931, the Labour Party campaigned on the slogan 'Plan or Perish'. The party's pledge to create a planned socialist economy was a novelty, and marked the rejection of the gradualist, evolutionary socialism to which Labour had adhered under the leadership of Ramsay MacDonald. Although heavily defeated in that election, Labour stuck to its commitment. The Attlee government came to power in 1945 determined to plan comprehensively. Yet, the aspiration to create a fully planned economy was not met. This book explores the origins and evolution of the promise, in order to explain why it was not fulfilled.

Richard Goddard

Lordship and Medieval Urbanisation: Coventry, 1045-1355

In its examination of Coventry's spectacular process of urbanisation between the eleventh and fourteenth centuries, this book tests the hypothesis of a two-stage model of urbanisation. Dr Goddard first considers whether lordship was a key feature in urbanisation and hence whether Coventry's lords were an essential prerequisite. He then goes on to appraise this seigneurial effort by examining Coventry's economy in the thirteenth and early fourteenth centuries. This is achieved by means of an analysis of a number of key urbanisation markers present in the city's extensive documentation: patterns of migration and occupation, credit provision, and the urban land market. This method highlights the link between commercial development and urban growth because all these indices are commercial in character. When used together they offer a more sensitive index of development and go a long way towards deepening our understanding of medieval urban growth and revealing a distinct profile for the various stages of the city's development. This methodology reveals far more about the growth of the city, and the chronology for that growth, often in qualitative terms, than do traditional quantitative measurements of development.

THE ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP APPEAL

We are very pleased to report that the 75th Anniversary Fellowship Appeal raised a total of £13,500 which will contribute significantly to the Society's support for postgraduate and postdoctoral fellowships. The Appeal was established to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Society in 2001 by the President, Professor Patrick O'Brien and placed under the Patronage of Sir Kenneth Berrill, Professor AD Chandler, Lady Cynthia Postan, Lord Roll of Ipsden, Professor WW Rostow, Dr Joan Thirsk, Baron Herman van der Wee and Professor Sir Tony Wrigley.

The sum raised is sufficient substantially to finance one additional fellowship in each of the next two academic years and discussions are proceeding about the possibility of using Society funds to extend this beyond 2004. Despite strenuous efforts and in an adverse financial climate the Appeal failed to secure corporate support. The successful outcome thus arises entirely from the generosity of individual members and from one or two very kind private benefactors. The Council and officers of the Society would like to extend very warm thanks to all those contributors whose commitment has made the Appeal such a marked success.

The Anniversary Fellowships will be advertised and awarded alongside the existing Power, Postan and Tawney awards and will be similarly administered by the Institute of Historical Research. Their purpose is to allow promising students to complete theses or to develop their work for publication; the fellowships may be held at any UK University. Interviews were held for this year's fellowships on 9 July and we are pleased to report that the first of the Society's Anniversary Fellows will be Mr Sakis Gekas who is completing his PhD thesis on 'The merchant elite of the Ionian Islands under British rule, 1815-1864'. He is based at the University of Essex.

We are particularly grateful to Mr Peter Salsbury, former Managing Director of Marks and Spencer PLC, an Economic History graduate of the LSE and a Society member, for an extremely generous private donation. The donation was made in memory of his mother who both encouraged and enabled Peter to go to university. He was the first member of his family to take a degree and to mark her achievement in this way is particularly appropriate for a pragmatic, understated person who helped young people to improve their education throughout her life.

A list of benefactors can be found on the facing page.

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THE BRITISH ACADEMY

DIRECTORY OF ONLINE RESOURCES PORTAL

PORTAL, the British Academy's directory of online resources in the humanities and social sciences, is designed as an entry point to available resources for those working in higher education and research and includes primary resources, secondary guides to primary resources and general reference data.

A full subject listing can be found at: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/portal/>

ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP AWARDS, 2002 – 2003

As in previous years, the competition for the Society's postgraduate and postdoctoral fellowships attracted a strong field of excellent applicants. As a result of the 75th Anniversary Fellowship Appeal it was possible this year to offer four rather than three fellowships. Ten candidates were interviewed on 9 July and we are pleased to announce that Fellowships were offered as follows:

The Postan Fellowship

The Postan Fellowship was awarded to Mr Ben Dodds for his innovative postdoctoral work using tithe evidence to consider shifts in agrarian output and specifically to extend his comparison between the peasant and demesne sectors between the Tyne and the Tees, 1350-1450. Mr Dodds is based at the University of Durham. He was also the recipient of the prize for the best New Researcher Paper at the Annual Conference in Birmingham, 2002.

The Power Fellowship

The Power Fellowship was awarded to Ms Julie Marfany to assist in the completion of her very promising PhD thesis on 'Industrialisation and demographic change in Catalonia, 1680-1829', which involves family reconstitution of a proto-industrial community. Ms Marfany is based at King's College, University of Cambridge.

The Tawney Fellowship

The Tawney Fellowship was awarded to Mr James Taylor for postdoctoral work on commercial fraud and financial scandal in mid- to late-Victorian popular culture. His doctoral thesis entitled 'Joint stock companies don't go to heaven: attitudes to corporate enterprise in nineteenth century Britain' is in the final stages of completion at the University of Kent at Canterbury.

The Anniversary Fellowship

The Anniversary Fellowship was awarded to Mr Sakis Gekas to assist him in completing a potentially fascinating PhD thesis on 'The merchant elite of the Ionian Islands under British rule (1815-1864)'. Mr Gekas is based at the University of Essex where he gained a Masters degree in Social and Cultural History in 1999.

As in previous years the above Fellowships will be administered by the Institute of Historical Research and the fellows will be expected to participate in and benefit from the many seminars and networks which the Institute is able to provide.

Pat Hudson

Chair, Fellowships Committee

HISTORY MATTERS AND THE VISIBLE KNOWLEDGE PROJECT GUIDES TO USING ONLINE PRIMARY SOURCES

The Visible Knowledge Project at Georgetown University (<http://crossroads.georgetown.edu/vkp/>) is a five-year project aimed at improving the quality of college and university teaching through a focus on both student learning and faculty development in technology-enhanced environments.

Through the internet, teachers and students can access incredibly rich primary resources – such as voices from the past, early film clips, and maps – in ways unimaginable a decade ago. This new world of resources offers exciting opportunities and brings new challenges. How can students learn to read oral history as ‘evidence’ of the past? How can teachers who are new to maps or film learn to analyse and contextualise them?

History Matters and the Visible Knowledge Project present three new guides for using online primary sources to help answer some of these questions. These guides are the first in a series of eight interactive essays designed to help students critically evaluate a range of primary sources, including photographs, music, advertisements, and letters and diaries.

Each guide presents an overview of the source, including how historians use it. The guide then uses explanatory text and interactive examples to consider what critical questions to ask when working with these materials. The questions are followed by an extended sample interpretation, an annotated bibliography, and a guide to finding and using oral history, film, and maps online.

The guides challenge students to practise their new skills. In oral history, for example, by listening to different versions of the same event from three different family members. For film, comparing a film clip to a response written by a 1920s moviegoer. With maps, exploring the impact of map scale on the kinds of information one can gather.

Further information can be found at:

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/mse/oral/>
(Making sense of oral history)

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/mse/film/>
(Making sense of films)

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/mse/maps/>
(Making sense of maps)

ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 4 – 6 APRIL 2003 • UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

CALL FOR ACADEMIC PAPERS

The 2003 annual conference of the Economic History Society will be hosted by the University of Durham from 4 to 6 April.

The Conference Programme Committee invites proposals for entire sessions (of 1.5 hours duration) as well as for individual papers. The former should include proposals and synopses for each paper in the session, although the committee reserves the right to determine which papers will be presented in the session if it is accepted. If a session is not accepted, the committee may incorporate one or more of the proposed papers into other panels.

The committee welcomes proposals on all aspects of economic and social history covering a wide range of periods and countries, and particularly welcomes papers of an interdisciplinary nature.

For each proposed paper, please send (preferably by e-mail) an abstract of 400-500 words to:

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For full consideration, proposals must be received by 27 September 2002. Notices of acceptance will be sent to individual paper givers by 15 November 2002.



ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2004

The provisional venue for the 2004 conference is Royal Holloway, University of London. The dates will be advised in a future issue of the newsletter.

ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 4 – 6 APRIL 2003 • UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

CALL FOR NEW RESEARCHERS' PAPERS

The 2003 annual conference of the Economic History Society will be hosted by the University of Durham from 4 to 6 April.

The conference opens with papers presented by new researchers. They offer those completing doctorates the opportunity to present their work before professional colleagues and to benefit from informed comment.

The new researchers' session will be held on the afternoon of Friday 4 April 2003. Those wishing to be considered for inclusion in the programme at Durham must submit a synopsis by 27 September 2002. This should provide a firm title, a succinct summary of the principal themes and methodology of the paper, and an outline of probable conclusions.

The synopsis should be of not more than 500 words. It must be accompanied by a clear statement of the progress of research, intended date for submission of thesis, and a statement of support from the supervisor. Please note that proposals from researchers at an early stage of their work will not normally be accepted.

Those selected for inclusion in the programme will be asked to submit a paper, not exceeding 2500 words, by 6 January 2003 for circulation in the Conference booklet. Each new researcher will have the opportunity to speak for twenty minutes, followed by ten minutes of discussion. The student's supervisor will normally be expected to chair the session. A prize of £250 will be awarded for the best paper presented at the Conference by a new researcher.

The Economic History Society is able to offer limited financial support to enable new researchers to attend the Conference when this is not available from their institution.

Synopses and any enquiries should be directed (preferably by e-mail) to:

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**ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CONFERENCE
24 – 26 APRIL 2003 • MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Economic and Business Historical Society welcomes proposals for presentations on all aspects of business and economic history at its 28th annual conference at Memphis, Tennessee, 24-26 April 2003. Composed of some three hundred North American and international members, the Economic and Business Historical Society offers participants an opportunity for continuing intellectual interchange within a modest-sized collegial and interdisciplinary group. In keeping with its traditions, the Society seeks proposals for both individual papers and panel sessions. Graduate students are invited to apply and may qualify for reduced registration fees. The Society holds its annual convention in locations of historical significance. Both the annual membership (\$25) and conference registration fees are modest.

Papers presented at the conference may be submitted for publication in the Society's peer-reviewed journal, *Essays in Economic and Business History*, edited by Michael V. Namorato of the University of Mississippi.

Proposals for individual papers should include an abstract of no more than 500 words, a brief CV, postal and e-mail addresses, and telephone and fax numbers. Panel proposals should also suggest a title and a panel chair. Graduate students and non-academic affiliates are welcome. Submissions imply that at least one author will register for the conference and be present at the time designated in the conference programme. The deadline for submissions is 15 January 2003.

Proposals may be submitted to:

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**WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF THE ECONOMIC HISTORY
SOCIETY THIRTEENTH ANNUAL WORKSHOP
9 NOVEMBER 2002 • INSTITUTE OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH**

**EUROPEAN FAMILIES, RELATIONSHIPS AND MONEY IN
HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

The thirteenth annual workshop – organised on behalf of the Women's Committee of the Economic History Society by Anne Laurence and Pam Sharpe – will take place on Saturday, 9 November 2002 at the Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, Malet Street, London. There will be a round-table discussion at 5.30 p.m. on the evening of Friday, 8 November.

The theme of the workshop is: European Families, Relationships and Money in Historical Perspective.

Speakers will include:

- * Cordelia Beattie (Edinburgh)
- * Sandra Cavallo (Royal Holloway)
- * Leonore Davidoff (Essex)
- * Amy Erickson (IHR)
- * Catherine Horwood (Royal Holloway)
- * Olwen Hufton (Oxford)
- * Deborah Oxley (University of New South Wales)
- * Melanie Phillips (Daily Mail)
- * Nicola Pullin (King Alfred's College, Winchester)
- * Pat Thane (IHR)

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SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN HISTORY 5 – 7 SEPTEMBER 2002 • EDINBURGH POWER, KNOWLEDGE AND SOCIETY IN THE CITY

INVITATION TO REGISTER

The sixth International Conference on Urban History will take place 5-7 September 2002 in Edinburgh.

The programme includes a reception organised by Historic Scotland in Edinburgh Castle – hosted by the Minister for Sport, Leisure and Culture in the Scottish Executive – as well as a reception in the Playfair Library of the University of Edinburgh, sponsored by Cambridge University Press (publishers of *Urban History*).

The main sessions include:

- *Who was running the cities? Elites and urban power structures, 1700-2000*
- *Between cities and urban areas: what scale for cities' history?*
- *Imperial spaces and imperial power: urban geographies of Empire*
- *The decline of industrial cities*
- *European cities, public sphere and youth in the 20th century*
- *Endangered cities: military powers and urban society in the age of total war*
- *The unauthorised city: making and breaking regulations for modern urban space (18th-20th centuries)*

A full listing of the main and specialist sessions, together with abstracts of papers, can be found on the website.

Registrations forms are available from:

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BRITISH AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE
7 DECEMBER 2002 • INSTITUTE OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH
POPULAR POLITICS IN RURAL ENGLAND

The annual winter conference of the British Agricultural History Society, will be held on Saturday, 7 December 2002 in the British Local History Room, Institute of Historical Research, Malet St., London.

Speakers will include:

Dr Miriam Muller, University of Birmingham

Freedom through the Court of Law: Peasant Protest and Ancient Demesne in a Fourteenth-Century Wiltshire Manor

Dr Andy Wood, University of East Anglia

Rethinking Popular Politics in England, c.1500-1700

Dr Jane Pearson, University of Essex

Conflict and Community in Eighteenth-Century Essex: the Case of Great Tey

Professor Alun Howkins, University of Sussex

The Fight for the Headington Magdelens 1850-1900 - Work in Progress

Registration is at 10.30 a.m. Fee: £16 (with lunch) or £10 (without lunch). A booking form is available on the BAHS website (www.bahs.org.uk) or from: Dr Jane Whittle, History Department, University of Exeter, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter EX4 4RJ.



BRITISH AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE
7 – 9 APRIL 2003 • KING ALFRED’S COLLEGE
CALL FOR PAPERS

The 50th annual conference of the British Agricultural History Society will be held at King Alfred’s College, Winchester, Hants. UK, from 7-9 April 2003.

Offers of papers on any aspect of rural or agrarian history (of the UK or elsewhere) are welcome.

Intending contributors requiring advice on papers/subjects, or on other aspects of the conference, are welcome to contact: Dr Peter Dewey, History Department, Royal Holloway, Egham, Surrey TW20 OEX. E-mail: p.dewey@rhul.ac.uk

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC HISTORY
26 – 30 APRIL 2004 • PRATO, ITALY
THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL
REVOLUTION, 13TH-18TH CENTURIES**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Historical studies of the construction industry tend to be highly local in focus and descriptive of particular projects; and although it is one of the best documented industries in the late medieval-early modern period, economic historians have shown little interest in using these materials to address general issues about the economy (the notable exception being the history of wages). In light of this situation the Istituto Datini of Prato will dedicate the Settimana di Studi of 2004 to the construction industry before the industrial revolution, 13th to 18th centuries. Historians who are working on particular aspects of the industry – the construction of specific buildings, urban expansion, public works, fortifications, engineering projects, building technology, design, etc – are invited to present proposals that fit into the provisional programme presented below.

Participants are asked to consider the kinds of issues that interest economic historians. They should indicate how their proposal fits into this scheme and demonstrate a willingness to go beyond description to make comparisons across space and across time with the objective of throwing light on the industry as a whole and on the overall economy.

The Executive Committee of the Istituto will make decisions about acceptance of proposals by early November 2002. Members of the committee are: Hans Pohl (Bonn, President), Michele Cassandro (Siena, Vice-President), Miguel Ángel Ladero Quesada (Madrid, Vice-President), Giampiero Nigro (Firenze, Scientific Director), Maxine Berg (Warwick), Jean-François Bergier (Zurigo), Giorgio Borelli (Verona), Antonio di Vittorio (Bari), Laurence Fontane (IUE Firenze), Richard Goldthwaite (Baltimore), Alberto Grohmann (Perugia), Paul Klep (Nijmegen), Paola Massa (Genova), Henryk Samsonowicz (Varsavia).

Provisional Programme

- Sources and re-evaluation of the historiography of the construction industry.
- Framework: planning, administration, process of construction, types and functions of buildings (public, religious, private), rebuilding after calamities, projects.

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- Economic organisation: investment of capital (financing) – private/public, credit and accumulation, productivity; prices; related industries; supply and importance of materials; self construction; technology (in relation to materials, costs, functions, architectural styles).
- Labour and management: entrepreneurs, including artisans; management problems; the work force (levels of skill, part-time workers, working conditions, wages, money and credit); professionalisation and its costs (architects, engineers, clerks).
- The construction industry in the wider economy as a strategic sector: scale of the sector (its share of investments, multiplier effects); regional and interregional impact; comparison of urban and rural building; building cycles in relation to demography and economic performance.

Participants will give a summary presentation of their papers at the conference as either a paper on a general topic (20 minutes), or a paper on a specific topic or a case study (10 minutes).

Papers can be presented in Italian, English, French and German. During the conference there is concurrent translation of the presentation of papers and discussion into these languages. Papers written in Spanish will be accepted, but at the conference authors of these papers must speak in one of the above languages.

All papers must be original and not previously published or translated from previously published papers. Papers (max. 70,000 keystrokes for general papers, 30,000 keystrokes for specific papers) will be circulated at the conference and will be published in the annual proceedings of the Istituto.

The Istituto Datini will pay the following costs for all officially invited participants: travel by railway (first class) or by plane (special tickets in tourist class up to a certain amount, as indicated in the official invitation); accommodation including breakfast up to five nights in hotels at Prato selected by the Istituto; 20 Euros per day for meals through special arrangements the Istituto makes with selected restaurants in Prato; one official banquet; no honorarium.

All interested scholars should send proposals, clearly specifying theme, period and region of interest, to the Istituto Datini. E-mail: datini@istitutodatini.it

The deadline for submissions is 31 October 2002.

EUROPEAN GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR TRAINING IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH

THE 2002 ADVANCED SEMINAR PROGRAMME

The 2002 advanced seminar programme is as follows:

14-18 November 2002 • Ghent

Organiser: Dr. Bas van Bavel (Utrecht)

Long-term Development of Rural Economies

29 March-3 April 2003 • London

Organiser: Professor Ian Brown (London)

Instruments of Social Control

5-9 April 2003 • London

Organiser: Professor WR Lee (Liverpool)

Port and Maritime History

Further information can be found at: www.kun.nl/ester

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TEACHING COMPANY SCHEME

The Teaching Company Scheme aims to strengthen the competitiveness and wealth creation of the UK through partnerships between academia and business.

It is supported and financed by a number of government agencies of which ESRC is one. Currently, postgraduate social science associates are being supported in 31 programmes under the Scheme. The Scheme:

- * promotes and supports projects carried out in partnerships between companies and groups of academic staff;

- * enables graduate social scientists to pursue a project within a business setting, usually in manufacturing industries, under joint academic and business supervision.

Further details are available from: TCS, Brunel House, Volunteer Way, Faringdon, Oxon, SN7 7YR. Tel: 01367 245215 E-mail: office@ted.co.uk Website: http://www.esrc.ac.uk/esrccontent/postgradfunding/teaching_company_scheme.asp

ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS ABC-CLIO AMERICA: HISTORY AND LIFE AWARD 2003

The ABC-CLIO America: History and Life Award is a biennial award of \$750 given to recognise and encourage scholarship in American history in the journal literature advancing new perspectives on accepted interpretations or previously unconsidered topics.

The award is not confined to any particular subject area or chronological period but instead seeks to recognise journal articles that display a pathbreaking character, articles that do not simply elaborate previous interpretations but that propose new perspectives or examine new areas and in so doing extend historical knowledge and raise new avenues of investigation. In seeking to recognise such pivotal articles the award acknowledges their creative achievement in breaking the constraints of conventional thinking in their approach to historical sources.

Individuals as well as editors are encouraged to submit nominations. Each entry must be published during the period 16 November 2000 – 15 November 2002. One copy of each entry must be received by each member of the award committee by 1 December 2002. No late submissions will be accepted.

The author of the winning article will receive \$750 and a certificate. The award will be presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Organisation of American Historians in Memphis, Tennessee, 3-6 April. One copy of each entry, clearly labelled: “2003 ABC-CLIO America: History and Life Award Entry”, must be mailed directly to:

Mary Bagne, America: History and Life-ABC-CLIO Inc, 130 Cremona Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93117 USA.

Mia Bay, Dept of History, Rutgers University, 16 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 USA.

Jane Dailey, Johns Hopkins University, 3400 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218 USA.

Christopher R Reed, Graduate History Programme, School of Liberal Studies, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL 60605-1394 USA.

Christopher Waldrep (Committee Chair), 308 Glendwood Court, Martinez, CA 94553 USA.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH BOARD RESEARCH CENTRES SCHEME

The Research Centres scheme provides funding for AHRB research centres which are the focus for research activity in a field of study that is innovative in character and of strategic importance within a wider subject or disciplinary area.

The maximum length of an award is five years, with a maximum grant of £875,000 over that period.

There have been two rounds of the scheme since the AHRB's inception. In June 2000 the AHRB made awards to ten research centres and in December 2001 awards were made to a further seven research centres. Details of the seventeen existing AHRB research centres can be found at <http://www.ahrb.ac.uk/research/centres/index.htm>

Further information is available from: Vanessa Cuthill, Research Awards Team Leader, Arts and Humanities Research Board, Whitefriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol, BS1 2AE. Tel: 0117 987 6670 Fax: 0117 987 6600 E-mail: v.cuthill@ahrb.ac.uk Website: <http://www.ahrb.ac.uk>

The deadline for applications is: 11 October 2002.



ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY TRAVEL GRANTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Economic History Society will consider applications for grants – normally of up to £250 – to assist postgraduate students in United Kingdom colleges and universities with travel expenses incurred in the undertaking of research into any aspect of economic and social history. Applications should be made, supported by a supervisor's statement, to the administrative secretary. Information concerning any attempts to obtain matching support from other sources should be submitted.

Applications, which may be submitted at any time, will be considered by the Society's Awards Committee as soon as possible after 1 February and 30 June each year. An application form is available from the Society's website – <http://www.ehs.org.uk/grtawd.htm#TRAVEL> – or from Mrs Maureen Galbraith (whose contact details can be found in the inside back cover of this publication).

ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY FACILITY GRANTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROJECTS

The Society will consider applications for small grants, not normally over £150, to assist undergraduate students with expenses incurred in the preparation of economic and social history projects for final degree examinations in United Kingdom colleges and universities. Applications should be made by students, through supervisors, advisers or tutors, to the Administrative Secretary, who can be contacted as indicated on the inside back cover of this publication.

Further information may be obtained from the administrative secretary. There is no application form. Requests, supported by a supervisor's letter, should indicate the nature and proposed title of the project, the extent of its contribution to final degree classification, and details of anticipated expenditure and of the need for that expenditure. Applications may be submitted at any time.



ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY INITIATIVES AND CONFERENCE FUND

The Economic History Society maintains a fund to encourage otherwise unfunded workshops, special meetings and other interesting initiatives in economic and social history. Activities which might encourage wider participation in the Society, in research (especially by those who are not full-time university academics) or generate research articles for submission to the *Review* may be particularly eligible for support from the Fund. The Society is especially keen to encourage one-day workshops which might provide sessions at the annual conference or articles for the *Review*.

The Society will not make grants from the fund for more than £1,000 (£500 for a one-day workshop). Whatever the sum granted, there must be a specific prominent acknowledgement of the Society's support in any publicity, meeting materials or publications. Any events held with support from the fund must be open equally to all interested economic and social historians. Successful applicants will be encouraged to propose papers or sessions at the Society's annual conference.

Questions concerning the objectives and criteria of the fund should be directed to the Honorary Secretary. Applications, which may be submitted to the administrative secretary at any time, will be considered by the Society's Awards Committee by 1 February and 30 June each year. An application form is available from the Society's website – <http://www.ehs.org.uk/grtawd.htm#INITIATIVES> – or from Mrs Maureen Galbraith (whose contact details can be found on the inside back cover of this publication).

BRITISH AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY JUBILEE PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION 2003

To mark the celebration, in 2003, of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the British Agricultural History Society, it is proposed to hold a Jubilee Prize Essay Competition.

The author of the winning essay will be awarded a prize of £500 (c.\$700 US); the runner up will receive £250 (c.\$350 US). The winning essay will be published in the *Agricultural History Review*.

There are no restrictions on the nature of the essays, but they should fall within the remit of the *Agricultural History Review*. Intending authors should obtain a copy of the *Review's* Guidelines for Contributors from the editors, or direct from the Society's website at: <http://www.bahs.org.uk/agartic.htm>

Essays should be sent to the Secretary of the Society: Dr John Broad, School of Arts and Humanities, University of North London, 166-220, Holloway Road, London N7 8DB. Two copies, without the author's name on the title page, should be submitted, together with a separate cover sheet identifying the author. The latest date for receiving essays is 30 September 2002. No entries will be accepted after that date.

Essays will be adjudged by a panel appointed by the Executive Committee of the Society.

The competition is open to all, with no restrictions as to age, but essays from younger authors, and those using new methodologies or exploring new areas of interest will be especially welcomed.



ARTS AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH BOARD INNOVATION AWARDS

The Arts and Humanities Research Board Innovation Awards scheme provide grants of up to £50,000 for up to one year to support notably innovative research projects which seek to challenge existing models, perceptions, research methods or modes of thought.

Further information is available from: Alison Henry, Research Awards Team Leader, AHRB, Whitefriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol BS1 2AE. Tel: 0117 987 6664 Fax: 0117 987 6600 E-mail: a.henry@ahrb.ac.uk Website: <http://www.ahrb.ac.uk>

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2002.

ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION TRAVEL GRANT AWARDS

The Economic History Association announces a new awards programme. These awards are open to graduate students who are currently enrolled in a graduate programme in a social science discipline, and who are currently engaged in, or considering, dissertation research in economic history. There are no requirements as to discipline or topic area.

The first set of awards is for travel grants to attend the annual meetings of the Economic History Association or the Cliometrics Society. Up to twenty such grants may be awarded annually. These awards are intended to help defray costs of transportation and/or lodging, registration, and banquet fees where applicable. A small per diem will also be provided to help cover any other remaining expenses.

Application is by faculty nomination. Applications should describe the student's interest in economic history and (if relevant) dissertation research. The nominating letter, and a copy of the student's current CV, should be sent to each member of the Committee by email: Avner Greif (avner@leland.stanford.edu), Robert A. Margo (robert.a.margo@vanderbilt.edu) and David Weiman (dfw5@columbia.edu).

The deadline for applications to attend the 2003 EHA meetings will be announced in due course. The deadline for applications to attend the 2003 Cliometrics Society meeting is 15 March 2003.

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ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY HOME PAGE

A Home Page for the Economic History Society can be found at: <http://www.ehs.org.uk>

Contents and links for the pages are managed by the Society's Secretary, to whom requests should be made to post information and to establish links. Information should be mailed to: ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk – in the form of words required – by the first day of each month.

LIVING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY

This collection of essays – to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Economic History Society – continues to sell well. In it more than 100 economic and social historians explain their interest in, and the nature of, their subject. Contributors have written to the general theme of ‘What economic history means to me’ or ‘What economic and social history means to me’.

Most contributors trace their early influences and relate changes in the discipline to their own career path, memories and reflections. Many write of the key relationship between history and economics, particularly what historical study can bring to the discipline of economics. Others praise the broad church nature of the subject, and of the Society, emphasising the place of social history and the relationship between economic and social history and other social sciences. Several contributors write, above all, of the need for economic history to be accessible, appealing and entertaining whilst addressing big moral and social questions.

Like history itself, the essays can be read in many ways. They can be analysed in relation to their theoretical and empirical content; prosopographically, as a (possibly unique?) exercise in the collective biography of a profession; as a series of statements about the state of economic history and its links to other subjects. But, like history, they can also be approached in another way. They can simply be enjoyed, for what they are: stories, reflections and recollections, critical, speculative, entertaining, personal and human. There are Klondike spaces, Damascus roads, love affairs, unintended consequences, paths, patterns, dialogues, lives and livelihoods. We meet parachutists and truffle hunters, ‘big think’ and ‘little think’ types. From Japan to Italy via Australia, France, Spain, Finland, Germany, North America and Great Britain: an intellectual odyssey, encounters with ‘poseurs’, giants, explorers, martyrs, saggar makers’ bottom knockers and other ordinary folk.

Living Economic and Social History (Economic History Society, Glasgow, pp. xvi+480, ISBN: 0-9540216-0-6). Price to members of the Economic History Society: £10 (plus £2.50 p&p). Price to other individuals and institutions: £15 (plus £2.50 p&p). NB £2.50 covers postage of up to 5 copies. Trade enquiries welcome. Cheques should be made payable to ‘Economic History Society’. Payment by credit card can be arranged. Orders and enquiries may be sent to Maureen Galbraith, Living Economic and Social History, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Glasgow, 4 University Gardens, Glasgow G12 8QJ. E-mail: ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk

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