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## ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, 5 April 2003 in the James Knott Hall, Trevelyan College, University of Durham.

### Agenda

1. Minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting
2. Matters arising from the minutes
3. Statements by the President
4. Election of the Society's Officers and Chairs of Committees
5. Election to vacancies on Council
6. Election of the Society's auditors
7. ESRC matters
8. AHRB matters
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Secretary's Report
11. Editors' Report
12. Report of the Publications Committee
13. Report of the Conference Committee
14. Report of the IT Committee
15. Report of the Schools and Colleges Committee
16. Report of the Women's Committee
17. Arrangements for future conferences
18. Any other business

Six members of the Council are due to retire, all of whom are eligible for re-election for a further period of three years: Professor Bruland, Professor Capie, Professor Kirby, Dr Middleton, Professor Thane and Professor Walsh.

All nominations for Council membership must reach the Honorary Secretary of the Society by noon on **Monday, 3 March 2003**. Nominations should be accompanied by brief details (not more than 30 words) about each candidate. Where the candidate is not self-nominated, assurance should be given that he/she has agreed to be nominated. No seconder is required.

Ballot papers, including the details of the candidates, will be available to those attending the Conference. A ballot box will, if required, be available until 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, 5 April.

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## NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY'S COUNCIL

The October meeting of Council was pleased to welcome newly-elected and co-opted members to their first meeting. Also welcomed was Professor Britnell, the local organiser of the 2003 annual conference, which will take place 4-6 April at Trevelyan College, University of Durham. A provisional programme can be found on page 8 of this publication and booking forms have been included.

The redesign and build of the Society's website, in collaboration with Blackwell Publishing, are progressing well. It is hoped that the new site will be launched at the Durham conference. Full details of the launch and the website will be given in a future issue newsletter.

The annual liaison meeting with the ESRC, also attended by representatives of the Social History Society and the Association of Business Historians, took place in October 2002. The ESRC had provided much useful information on applications to the various grants schemes. Concern was expressed at the low level of applications from economic and social historians across all schemes. Members are encouraged to submit applications, which currently have a relatively high success rate. Information on the grants schemes can be found on the ESRC website at: [www.esrc.ac.uk](http://www.esrc.ac.uk)

The residential training course for postgraduate students, supported by the ESRC, took place 28 November-1 December 2002 at Chancellors, the residential conference centre at the University of Manchester. The course was attended by 12 postgraduate students and five academics; feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

All six of the Society's recent nominations to the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences have been successful. Congratulations to: Professor Stephen Broadberry, Dr Roger Middleton, Professor Mary Morgan, Professor Bob Morris, Professor BR (Tom) Tomlinson and Mr Oliver Westall.

The Society continues to liaise with HUDG, the Social History Society, the History Advisory Panel and the History, Classics and Archaeology Subject Centre of the Learning Technology Support Network (LTSN) and other history bodies. Information on a new award – the National Awards for History Teaching in Higher Education – offered by the LTSN Subject Centre for History, Classics and Archaeology, can be found on page 27 of this publication.

Council was pleased to note the increase in institutional subscriptions to the JSTOR Arts & Sciences 2 collection, of which the *Economic History Review* forms a part, and the upward trend in the JSTOR journal usage statistics for the

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years 2001-02. As the Society gains incrementally from each new institutional subscriber to Arts & Sciences 2, please make every effort to encourage your institution to subscribe if they do not already do so.

The Standing Conference meeting of representatives of UK teaching departments of economic and social history in higher education was held on 2 November. A full report will appear in a future issue of the newsletter.

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.



## **ARTS AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH BOARD**

A new government report recommends that the Arts and Humanities Research Board (AHRB) should become a research council – almost four years after Lord Dearing’s review into higher education, which recommended the creation of a research council for the arts and humanities.

The review of funding for arts and humanities research was sponsored by the UK education departments and launched by the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Higher Education, (in England) Margaret Hodge, in September 2001. The review recommends that, as with the established research councils, an AHRC should be created by Royal Charter, operate on a UK-wide basis, and be funded by the Office of Science and Technology (OST), part of the Department of Trade and Industry.

The report states that: “... the arts and humanities field is of increasing economic significance, with growth in the creative industries being three times faster than the economy as a whole.” The Report suggests that: “the inclusion of the Arts and Humanities Research Council, with the other research councils, under the aegis of the Office for Science and Technology will offer the best prospect of furthering research in the arts and humanities and permit such research to play its fullest part in enhancing national life.” A formal response to the report is currently being considered by the relevant Ministers, who will also consider the various options and timetable for the AHRB’s move to research council status.

It is hoped that the change of research council status will be accompanied by an increase in funding – which will (alas!) certainly be less than the threefold increase reported in the May 2002 issue of this newsletter.

## ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP AWARDS, 2002 – 2003

### **The Postan Fellowship**

The Postan Fellowship was awarded to Ben Dodds, University of Durham for his innovative postdoctoral work using tithe evidence to consider shifts in agrarian output, and specifically to extend his comparison of the peasant and demesne sectors between the Tyne and the Tees, 1350-1450. His main aim for the year of the fellowship is to collect the data from the Durham Priory accounts on tithe receipts between 1270 and 1340 and to process these data, developing the method used in his PhD thesis, in order to create a series of estimated output indicators. He will then extend the series further, collecting data from the accounts dated between 1450 and 1540. Drawing upon his experience with these documents gained while doing his PhD, Ben has expanded his database to enable the collection of further institutional material. By the end of the summer vacation next year he hopes to have a series of output indicators running from 1278 to 1540 and much material relating to medieval accounting procedure and the collection of tithes.

Ben also hopes to produce, by the end of November 2003, an article for submission to the *Economic History Review* explaining the method used in his PhD to calculate agrarian output indicators based on tithe receipts, and to present the 1350-1450 series. He then plans to prepare two papers based on contributions to conferences which took place over the summer and for which the proceedings are soon to be published. Finally, he hopes – in an effort to broaden his research profile – to write an article on the identity of Durham tithe purchasers, making use of his PhD database and also of the information collected this year.

### **The Power Fellowship**

The Power Fellowship was awarded to Julie Marfany, King's College, University of Cambridge, 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. This uses a case study of one town in central Catalonia, Igualada, to investigate the impact of proto-industrialisation on demographic behaviour, and to see whether there was a relationship between rural industrialisation and population growth. Igualada grew from a population of 1,600 in 1717 to 4,900 in 1787. It was an important centre of the textile industry, both for wool and cotton, and also for leather. The town's

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overall growth was accompanied by the increasing proletarianisation and impoverishment of the population, as evidenced from tax records.

The PhD is based on a family reconstitution of over 50,000 baptisms, marriages and burials over 150 years. A sample of over 2,000 marriage contracts for the same period is also used to provide information on wealth and inheritance patterns. The nature of the database allows for comparison of demographic behaviour across occupational and social groups to see if those in proto-industrial activities were indeed marrying earlier and experiencing higher fertility, as has been suspected. Given the increased proletarianisation of large sectors of the population, mortality may well have risen, and may also have varied across socio-economic groups.

### **The Tawney Fellowship**

The Tawney Fellowship was awarded to James Taylor for postdoctoral work on commercial fraud and financial scandal in mid- to late-Victorian popular culture. His doctoral thesis, at the University of Kent at Canterbury, was entitled 'Joint stock companies don't go to heaven: attitudes to corporate enterprise in nineteenth century Britain'. Scandals such as those involving Albert Grant and Jabez Spencer Balfour pockmarked the later nineteenth century, provoking responses in plays, novels, satirical magazines, and music hall, and forming the subject matter of popular books and countless articles in leading journals. James will use these sources along with parliamentary papers, parliamentary debates, court cases, company records, and private papers, in order to shed light on the ways in which fraud and scandal shaped the Victorian understanding of the corporate economy.

The focus of the research is less to quantify fraud and delineate its scale and scope, than to assess its broader cultural and economic implications. Victorians were clearly appalled by fraud, yet they lacked the will to impose greater controls on corporate activity. Legislation in the late-Victorian period focused upon the margins of company law without making serious efforts to tackle fraud. But financial scandals did not stop people from investing in companies in ever-growing numbers. The research aims to suggest reasons for these paradoxes and, more broadly, to contribute to our understanding of the ideological underpinnings of the Victorian attitude to commerce. James will be presenting a paper at the New Researchers' session at Durham (see page 10).

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### **The Anniversary Fellowship**

The Anniversary Fellowship was awarded to Sakis Gekas, University of Essex. The period of the fellowship will be devoted to completing and submitting his thesis 'The merchant elite of the Ionian Islands under British rule, 1815-1864' and then preparing for publication articles from the thesis and from conference papers which have been presented. Some additional research in the Ionian Islands and the PRO will be completed while the principal task during the first half of the fellowship will be to write the remaining chapters of the thesis, and to revise the whole draft for submission towards the end of spring 2003.

Although Sakis hopes to publish a book based on the thesis, and has received some encouragement to think that this might be possible, he feels that that it is more urgent and a more productive use of the fellowship to concentrate first on publishing a number of articles. A paper entitled 'The merchants of the Ionian islands between east and west: forming international and local networks', has been submitted for publication in a book arising from a conference held in Düsseldorf during March 2002, on 'International Trade, Merchants and Commercial Cities, 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries'. A paper, entitled 'History, historiography, and the Ionian Islands under British rule, 1815-1864', will be presented at the IHR Imperial History seminar. Sakis is currently considering articles on: 'Economic institutions and the construction of the merchant elite', based on the paper to the Economic History Society conference, and on: 'Commercial credit, bankruptcy and insolvency in the Ionian Islands', based on substantial research in the Corfu Historical Archive. Participation at a conference on Port Jews in January 2003 in Cape Town, will also give him the chance to explore the relationship between the Jewish population of Corfu, who were involved largely in commercial and port activities, and the rest of the population, throughout the nineteenth century. An article suitable for publication could also result from this paper, either in a Greek or an English-speaking academic journal. Last, but not least, comes an article on the establishment of the Ionian Bank, based on the material collected from the bank's archive in LSE, and used in the thesis chapter on institutional change during British rule.

*Pat Hudson*

Chair, Fellowships Committee

**ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**Friday 4 April 2003**

0915-1045	Meeting of Economic History Society Publications Committee
1100-1400	Meeting of Economic History Society Council
1200-1800	Registration
1400-1530	<b>NEW RESEARCHERS SESSION I</b> (4 parallel sessions)

**IA: ASPECTS OF EARLY COMMERCIALISATION**

*The characteristics of creditors and debtors and the role of credit in the rural economy, c.1290-1380*

Christopher Briggs (University of Cambridge) (chair: Richard Smith)

*Merchant adventurer or Jack of all Trades? The Suffolk clothier in the 1460s*  
NR Amor (chair: tba)

*Structural change in Scottish trade, 1597-1640*

Jennifer Watson (University of Edinburgh) (chair: Ian Blanchard)

**IB: EIGHTEENTH CENTURY ECONOMIC THOUGHT AND GOVERNMENT**

*To have or to have not: state finance of the Swiss Republic of Berne in the 18<sup>th</sup> century*

Stefan Altorfer (University of Berne) (chair: André Holenstein)

*Luxury and economics in 18<sup>th</sup> century Britain and France: the cases of George Berkeley and Richard Cantillon*

Scott Breuninger (Concordia College, USA) (chair: tba)

**IC: IMPERIAL TRADE**

*Financing business in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, 1900-38*

Simon Mollan (University of Durham) (chair: Ranald Michie)

*Free trade and the pursuit of hegemony: imperial Britain in global rubber markets, 1860-1921*

Emma Reisz (University of Cambridge) (chair: Martin Daunton)

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**ID: MARKET STRUCTURE AND THE FIRM**

*Demographic profile of clothing consumers: fashion and the mass consumer society in Britain, c.1950-2001*

Shinobu Majima (University of Oxford) (chair: Avner Offer)

*'British Leyland not keeping up with the Jones': the roles of market structure, competition and technology diffusion on product and firm survival in the UK car market, 1971-98*

James Walker (London School of Economics) (chair: Peter Howlett)

*Growing up bad: the MBA in Britain*

Joanne Workman (University of Sussex) (chair: Pat Thane/Richard Roberts)

1530-1600            Tea

1600-1730            **NEW RESEARCHERS SESSION II** (5 parallel sessions)

**IIA: EARLY MODERN COMMUNITIES**

*Marrying miners: population change and household formation in a Somerset coalmining community, 1700-1851*

Rhiannon Evans (University of Cambridge) (chair: Richard Smith)

*Marriage processes in an English market town: Gainsborough, c.1566-1812*

Peter Kitson (University of Cambridge) (chair: Richard Smith)

*The leather industry in early modern Macclesfield: the probate evidence*

Paul Knight (University of Liverpool) (chair: William Ashworth)

**IIB: POVERTY AND SOCIETY**

*Clothing the poor, c.1580-1700*

Susan Mee (Roehampton Institute) (chair: Margaret Spufford)

*'Not granted until you appear leaner': administrative corruption and the payment of rent by the old poor law in Bolton*

Robert Dryburgh (University of Oxford) (chair: Jane Humphries)

*Means testing under the British Welfare State: did it narrow or widen social divisions?*

Lavinia Mitton (London School of Economics) (chair: Paul Johnson)

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**IIC: INSANITY***The criminal defence of insanity c.1660-1830*

David Adamson (University of St Andrews) (chair: Rab Houston)

*Voluntarism, psychiatry and the social entrepreneur: RD Laing and the business of the sixties*

Ian Carthy (University of Glasgow) (chair: Malcolm Nicolson)

**IID: GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY FROM THE LATER NINETEENTH CENTURY***Government and the telephone patents in Britain and the United States, 1876-97*

Christopher Beauchamp (University of Cambridge) (chair: Martin Daunton)

*Power networks in the British police and fire services, c.1870-1938*

Shane Ewen (University of Leicester) (chair: Richard Rodger)

*Limited liability on trial: the commercial crisis of 1866 and its aftermath*

James Taylor (University of Kent) (chair: Hugh Cunningham)

**IIE: MODERN GROWTH OF SMALL ECONOMIES***New perspectives on illegal markets: rationing currency as a tradable asset*

Ralf Futselaar (Netherlands Institute for War Documentation) (chair: tba)

*The TFPG controversy and economic growth in Portugal in the postwar period, 1953-73*

Luciano Amaral (University of Lisbon) (chair: Jaime Reis)

*With all diligence due: where did all the savings go? Singapore's investment pattern, 1965-99*

Greg Hopf (London School of Economics) (chair: Nick Crafts)

1730-1830      Open meeting for women in economic history

1815-1900      Council reception for new researchers and first-time delegates

1830-1900      Meeting of delegates from 'new' universities

1900-2015      Dinner

2030-2130      Plenary Lecture: Professor Sir Tony Wrigley  
*The Quest for the Industrial Revolution*

**Saturday 5 April 2003**

0800-0900 Breakfast (*provided in halls of residence*)

0900-1045 **ACADEMIC SESSION I** (5 parallel sessions)

**IA: PHYSIOLOGICAL STANDARD OF LIVING** (chair: TBA)

*Net nutrition over the past millennium: methodology and some results for Northern Europe*

Richard Steckel (Ohio State University)

*The physical stature of the British in the 18th and 19th centuries: an international comparison*

John Komlos (University of Munich)

*Economic growth and living standards. The development of private consumer expenditure and food consumption in Belgium, 1800-1913*

Yves Segers (K.U. Leuven)

**IB: MEDIEVAL INSTITUTIONS** (chair: Richard Britnell)

*Money in 13<sup>th</sup> century England*

Martin Allen (University of Cambridge)

*Urban institutions in 13<sup>th</sup> century England*

Derek Keene (University of London)

*Lordship in the long 13<sup>th</sup> century*

Phillipp Schofield (University of Wales, Aberystwyth)

**IC: LABOUR** (chair: Joachim Voth)

*A tale of two labour markets: career mobility in the UK (1851-81) and US (1850-80)*

Joseph Ferrie (Northwestern University) and Jason Long (Colby College)

*Unemployment in the Golden Age, 1948-73*

Timothy Hatton (University of Essex) and George Boyer (Cornell University)

**ID: CONTRACTING** (chair: Avner Offer)

*Land and society in England, c.1700-1850*

David Stead (University of York)

*From court to prospectus: company law and its use in Victorian Britain*

Wade Shilts (Luther College, Decorah, IA)

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*Puzzles in the economic institutions of capitalism: the contractual nature of Irish industrialisation*

Graham Brownlow (Dublin City University) and Frank Geary (University of Ulster)

*Executive rewards and firm performance: the case of large German banks, 1854-1910*

Carsten Burhop (Bonn University)

IE: **WORKING WOMEN** (chair: Pat Hudson)

*The wages and employment of female day-labourers in agriculture, 1750-1850*

Joyce Burnette (Wabash College)

*Bucking the trend: business widows in northern France in the 19<sup>th</sup> century*

Beatrice Craig (University of Ottawa)

*A respectable business: women and self-employment in 19<sup>th</sup> century London*

Alison (Parkinson) Kay (University of Oxford)

1045-1115          Coffee

1115-1300          **ACADEMIC SESSION II** (5 parallel sessions)

IIA: **CHILD LABOUR I** (convenors/chairs: Katrina Honeyman and Jane Humphries)

*How many children were 'unemployed' in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Britain?*

Peter Kirby (University of Manchester)

*Nutrition, efficiency wage and child labour: a re-examination of evidence from 19<sup>th</sup> century United States*

V Bhaskar (University of Essex) and Bishnupriya Gupta (University of Warwick)

*Pauper apprenticeship and the market for child labour in the later 18<sup>th</sup> century*

Katrina Honeyman (University of Leeds)

*Child labour in the industrial revolution*

Jane Humphries (University of Oxford)

IIB: **CONSUMPTION** (chair: Susan Bowden)

*Tradable amusements: the integration of entertainment markets in the western world, 1776-1940*

Gerben Bakker (London School of Economics)

*'A devil's bargain': work, wages and in-port spending in the 19<sup>th</sup> century British Merchant Marine*

Valerie Burton (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

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*Estonian moonshine in the 1940s. The story of an illegal cottage industry*  
Olaf Mertelsmann (University of Hamburg)

**IIC: MEDIEVAL SETTLEMENT** (chair: TBA)

*The chronology and consequences of assarting and drainage on the Kentish estates of Canterbury Cathedral Priory and St Augustine's Abbey in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries*

Andrew Butcher (University of Kent)

*The creation and development of moorland farms: the Bishops and Wasteland colonisation in Co. Durham in the 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> centuries*

Simon Harris (University of Durham)

*The peasant land market and the dynamics of assart holdings on the Bishop of Winchester estates, 1263-1415*

John Mullan (University of Durham)

**IID: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (chair: TBA)

*Wages, prices and economic development in Europe and Asia, 1500-1800*  
Stephen Broadberry and Bishnupriya Gupta (University of Warwick)

*Wealth, social structure and economic growth: Brazil in the Atlantic World, 1815-60*

Zephyr Frank (Stanford University)

*The economic progress of French Canadians in 20<sup>th</sup> century Canada*

Chris Minns (Trinity College Dublin)

**IIE: FINANCIAL INSTABILITY** (chair: Ranald Michie)

*Financial instability in late 19<sup>th</sup> century Italy: historical patterns and theoretical views*

Paolo di Martino (University of Bristol)

*Why was stock price volatility so high during the great depression?*

Hans-Joachim Voth (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

*Corporate restructuring and industrial change in major stock market booms and busts*

William Lazonick (INSEAD and UMass Lowell)

1300-1400

Lunch

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**1315-1700 FIELD TRIPS (OPTIONAL)**

- 1: Beamish: The North of England Open Museum
- 2: Newcastle upon Tyne, including Guildhall, Trinity House, Castle Keep
- 3: Darlington, including Darlington Railway Centre and Museum

1415-1545 Meeting of Schools and Colleges Committee

1415-1600 **ACADEMIC SESSION III** (3 parallel sessions)

**IIIA: PRE-INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS** (chair: Regina Grafe)

*The Mande Equilibrium: traders, smiths and states in medieval West Africa*  
Wolfram Latsch (Northwestern University)

*The Borromei family as international bankers in the late 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries*  
Jim Bolton and Francesco G Bruscoli (Queen Mary, University of London)

*The quality of slave trade investment in 18<sup>th</sup> century France*  
Guillaume Daudin (London School of Economics)

*The finance of the Dutch East India trade and the rise of the Amsterdam capital market, 1595-1612*  
Oscar Gelderblom and Joost Jonker (Utrecht University)

**IIIB: NINETEENTH CENTURY DYNAMICS** (chair: TBA)

*Reassessing pre-First World War military spending: the role of the great powers in the international system, 1870-1913*  
Jari Eloranta (Universities of Jyväskylä and Warwick)

*Local and regional investment patterns in the late Victorian shipping industry*  
Graeme Milne (University of Newcastle)

*Structural change and productivity growth in Austria-Hungary, 1870-1913*  
Max-Stephan Schulze (London School of Economics)

**IIIC: BANKING** (chair: TBA)

*The trading of unlimited liability bank shares in 19<sup>th</sup> century Ireland: the Bagehot Hypothesis*  
John Turner and Charles Hickson (Queen's University of Belfast)

*Bank response during the American Civil War*  
Paul Auerbach (Kingston University) and Michael Hauptert (University of Wisconsin Lacrosse)

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*The effects of branching on bank competition and financial stability*

Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara University) and Mark Carlson (Federal Reserve System)

1600-1630	Tea
1630-1730	Launch of the Economic History Society's re-designed website
1730-1830	Annual General Meeting of the Economic History Society
1930-2000	Conference Reception
2000	<b>CONFERENCE DINNER</b>

Late bar available in **Trevelyan College**

### **Sunday 6 April 2003**

0800-0900 Breakfast (*provided in halls of residence*)

0915-1115 **ACADEMIC SESSION IV** (5 parallel sessions)

**IVA ECONOMIC THOUGHT** (convenors/chairs: Keith Tribe and Pat Hudson)

*American institutionalism and its British connections*

Malcolm Rutherford (University of Victoria)

Panel of commentators: Mary Marshall (London School of Economics), Jim Tomlinson (Brunel University), Roger Middleton (University of Bristol), Keith Tribe (Kings School, Worcester)

**IVB: CAPITAL AND INDUSTRY** (convenor/chair: Catherine Schenk)

(Women's Committee Session)

*Capital markets, women and economic growth, 1720-25*

Ann Carlos (University of Colorado) and Larry Neal (University of Illinois)

*Did industry 'fail' the City? Observations from the inter-war years*

Susan Bowden (University of Sheffield)

*The stock market as a source of cash for the US industrial corporation in the 20<sup>th</sup> century*

Mary O'Sullivan (INSEAD)

**IVC: FISH AND FASTING** (convenor/chair: Nuala Zahedieh)

*Delicious fasts? Fish days, faith and finance in early modern England*

Sara Pennell (Institute of Historical Research)

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*Fasting and the fish trade in Iberia in the early modern period*

Regina Grafe (London School of Economics)

*Charity, consumption and abstinence in early modern England*

Steve Hindle (University of Warwick)

IVD: **PRODUCTIVITY** (chair: Nick Crafts)

*The importance of coal in the industrial revolution*

David Jacks and Gregory Clark (University of California, Davis)

*'Unravelling the duty': Lean's Engine Reporter and the dynamics of innovation in Cornish steam engines*

Alessandro Nuvolari and Bart Verspagen (Eindhoven University of Technology)

*New wine in old bottles: output and productivity trends in Portuguese agriculture, 1850-1950*

Pedro Lains (University of Lisbon)

*Episodes in catching up: French relative to British industrial performance on the eve of the Great Depression of the 1930s*

Jean-Pierre Dormois (Université de Montpellier III)

IVE: **CHILD LABOUR II** (convenor/chair: Jon Moen)

*The role of child labour in industrialisation*

Carolyn Tuttle (Lake Forest College) and Simone Wegge (City University of New York)

*Babes in bondage: parental selling of children to finance family migration, the case of German migration to America, 1720-1820*

Farley Grubb (University of Delaware)

*European immigrants and child labour in the United States, 1880-1920*

Jon Moen (University of Mississippi) and Brian Gratton (Arizona State University)

1115-1145      Coffee

**1145-1300**      **TAWNEY LECTURE:** Professor Deirdre McCloskey  
*Bourgeois Virtue*

1300-1400      Lunch

1400              Conference ends

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

### **BOOKING FORMS**

A booking form is enclosed with this newsletter and is also available on the Society's website at: [www.ehs.org.uk/bookfm.htm](http://www.ehs.org.uk/bookfm.htm) – or from Maureen Galbraith (whose contact details can be found on the inside back cover of this publication).

### **BURSARIES**

The Economic History Society wishes to encourage the attendance at the annual conference of postgraduate students. Financial assistance is available to students not in employment who are not able to obtain assistance from other sources. Enquiries may be made to Maureen Galbraith.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The conference website at Durham – [www.dur.ac.uk/r.h.britnell/EHS/Conference.htm](http://www.dur.ac.uk/r.h.britnell/EHS/Conference.htm) – contains useful information on accommodation and details of the proposed field trips. Abstracts of papers, presented at both the academic and new researcher sessions, will also be available.

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## **FUTURE CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ♦**

### **ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY FUTURE ANNUAL CONFERENCES**

The Economic History Society would welcome offers from university departments to host future annual conferences from 2005.

Much of the organisation is carried out by the administrative secretary, who would be happy to answer queries from prospective hosts.

A detailed brief and timetable are available outlining specific requirements in terms of accommodation and responsibilities.

## **RODNEY HILTON'S MIDDLE AGES (400-1600) CONFERENCE 13 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2003 • UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

Rodney Hilton (1916-2002) is remembered and celebrated in this conference, which takes as its theme ideas and approaches which he devised. The conference will be held at the University of Birmingham where he taught for 36 years. It is sponsored by *Past and Present*, which he helped to found, and which he served as a member of the editorial board and, for 14 years, as chairman.

Rodney Hilton hated platitudes, pieties and hagiography, so this conference will honour him by interpreting the middle ages, noting and exploring his views, and moving forward to new ideas and debates. The purpose of the sessions, detailed below, is to recognise the directions in which he pointed, to define the current developments in key historical issues, and to look forward to future thinking.

### **Lordship, rent and social structure. What was the impact of lordship on society and economy?**

*Grenville Astill, Peter Coss, Wendy Davies, Phillipp Schofield, Erik Thoen, Chris Wickham*

### **The peasantry as class and communities. Can we talk of a 'peasant society'?**

*Isabel Alfonso, Monique Bourin, Ros Faith, Miriam Muller, Zvi Razi*

### **'Non-feudal islands in the feudal seas'. How did towns relate to feudal society?**

*Richard Goddard, Richard Holt, Steve Rigby, Penny Roberts, Heather Swanson*

### **'Bond men made free'. Rebellion and liberation.**

*Sam Cohn, Steven Justice, Pablo Sanchez, Jane Whittle*

### **The transition from feudalism to capitalism. Changes in medieval society and the origins of the modern world.**

*Bas van Bavel, Spencer Dimmock, Christopher Dyer, Larry Epstein*

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## URBAN HISTORY GROUP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 3 – 4 APRIL 2003 • UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

### REASSESSING URBAN POLITICS

The annual meeting of the Urban History Group will take place 3-4 April 2003 at Trevelyan College, University of Durham on the theme: Reassessing Urban Politics.

Politics, in the widest sense, has always been central to the understanding of urban history. Recent discussion of the topic has tended to focus on key issues such as the role of elites, systems of governance and the development of civil society, highlighting the ways in which the city was run and who was responsible for its management. Much of this discussion has concentrated on emphasising the levels of unity and consensus within the governing classes and their systems of governance, with the result that there has been limited exploration of conflict and negotiation; of the place of party and the cultural and interest divisions which fed into political competition; and of the place of ideology in the running of the cities. This conference aims to address these issues by reassessing urban politics, its ideology, policies and parties, setting out to answer the broad question: ‘Why do cities need politics and what did they get?’

Themes which the conference hopes to address include:

- The importance of party in a local context, especially the local cultural and environmental factors which shaped divisions along party lines and the trends which diminished or exacerbated such divisions.
- Did party destroy or enhance the sense of place and space; was a sense of place and space antithetical to “party”?
- The significance of ideology in shaping party opinion and local attitudes to local governance. Was there room for ideological division within local politics and how did it manifest itself?
- What part did party and ideology play in shaping urban policy at both the local and national level?
- The experience of local party cultures and rituals; the extent to which the form parties took and the policies they pursued were shaped by issues such as class, gender, ethnicity, locality and religious division.
- The process of contestation and negotiation in the local political sphere.
- The part party played, whether positive or negative, in the transition from corrupt, closed to democratic, mass local politics and the extent to which various political

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actors employed interests and parties in this process.

- Local party politics as a platform for national politics, whether in the careers of individual politicians or the electoral strategies of new, particularist or reviving parties.
- The part played by party and ideology in shaping national policy on local governance and the boundaries of local politics.
- Political clashes between local and central government as seen in Britain over Poplar, Clay Cross or the GLC.

A booking form is enclosed with this newsletter and is also available on the Economic History Society website – [www.ehs.org.uk/bookfm2.htm](http://www.ehs.org.uk/bookfm2.htm) – or from Maureen Galbraith, whose contact details can be found on the inside back cover of this publication.

Questions on the academic organisation of the conference should be directed to: Dr Barry Doyle, Director, Centre for Local Historical Research, University of Teesside, Middlesbrough TS1 3BA. E-mail: [barry.doyle@tees.ac.uk](mailto:barry.doyle@tees.ac.uk) – or – Professor Bob Morris, Dept of Economic and Social History, University of Edinburgh, William Robertson Building, George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9JY. E-mail: [rjmorris@ed.ac.uk](mailto:rjmorris@ed.ac.uk)

A limited number of bursaries are available to postgraduate students to meet some of the costs incurred in attending the conference. Details are available from: Professor Richard Rodger, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH. E-mail: [rgr@le.ac.uk](mailto:rgr@le.ac.uk)

Updated details of the conference will be posted on the Centre for Urban History website at: <http://www.le.ac.uk/urbanhist/urbanconf/UHG.html>



## **EUROPEAN HISTORICAL ECONOMICS CONFERENCE 2003 24 – 27 JULY 2003 • MADRID**

The fifth European Historical Economics Conference will be held 24-27 July 2003 at the Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain.

Postgraduate students are particularly encouraged to attend. To ease the financial burden of all those postgraduates attending, the organising committee will provide: accommodation for three nights and breakfast for three mornings; reception on Thursday evening; lunch on Friday and Saturday and dinner on Friday evening.

Further information is available from the conference co-ordinator: Stefan Houpt. E-mail: [shoupt@clio.uc3m.es](mailto:shoupt@clio.uc3m.es) Website: <http://www.uc3m.es/uc3m/dpto/HISEC/EHES-conference.html>

## XIVTH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC HISTORY CONGRESS 21 – 25 AUGUST 2006 • HELSINKI

### CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

The International Economic History Association (IEHA) will hold its fourteenth World Congress in Helsinki, Finland, 21-25 August 2006. Each day of the Congress will be divided into four time blocks of 90 minutes each (two before lunch and two after lunch). Detailed information on the Congress is available (from December 2002) on the congress website: [www.valt.helsinki.fi/yhis/iehc2006](http://www.valt.helsinki.fi/yhis/iehc2006)

The scientific programme of the Congress will be organised on the same principle as the XIII International Economic History Congress in Buenos Aires in 2002. There will be approximately 100 sessions spread over five days of meetings. The IEHA welcomes sessions on all topics in economic history, history of economics, demographic history, social history, urban history, cultural history, gender studies, methodological aspects of historical research, and related fields. The IEHA has a particularly strong desire to attract sessions on the period before 1800 and sessions that include countries other than those of Western Europe and North America. Organisers will be given wide discretion to shape the format of sessions to be the most attractive and efficient given the topic and the participants invited.

There will be two calls for session proposals. The deadline for the first call is 30 April 2003. The deadline for the second call is 31 January 2005. The Organising Committee believes that this two-round procedure will allow those wishing to propose broad themes, summaries of a subfield, or complex organisational arrangements such as pre-conferences or cross refereeing three years to plan and organise the session. At the same time, this procedure will reserve ample space on the programme for new ideas and fresh topics to be announced a year and a few months before the Congress. In this way it is hoped to strike a reasonable balance between reports on current research and new topics and sessions that require substantial time to organise and prepare.

This is the **First Call for Session Proposals**. From submissions received before 30 April 2003, the Executive Committee of the IEHA will select all proposals it sees fit to be included in the programme. Given the early date of this first deadline, the Executive Committee does not expect session organisers to present a full panel of participants. Indeed organisers are encouraged to make an open call for papers once their session has been selected for the programme. A tentative list of participants should be available by April 2004 for publication in the first Congress Brochure.

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A **Second Call for Session Proposals** will be published in August 2004. From submissions received by 31 January 2005, the Executive Committee will fill all but five of the remaining session slots. The five remaining slots will be filled by the executive committee with sessions on topics the committee feels should be on the programme. Organisers of sessions selected in the second round will also be encouraged to publish a call for papers for their session.

A final list of participants and paper titles for all sessions must be submitted by 1 January 2006. It is expected that congress papers or abstracts will be published on the Congress website by 31 May 2006. Scholars and the general public will have access to the website and will be able to search, read, and download papers of interest in advance of the Congress.

There will be no distinction between sessions submitted in reply to the first or second call for papers. Each session organiser will get two time blocks in Helsinki. It is at the discretion of the Executive Committee to give extra time blocks if the number of papers or dimension of the topic so requires. Time blocks will be sequential on the same day unless organisers ask for an alternative timing.

Proposals should include the following information:

- (1) The name(s), title(s), and institutional affiliation(s) of the organiser(s).
- (2) Contact information for the organiser: postal address, telephone and fax numbers, and an e-mail address.
- (3) Proposed title for the session.
- (4) A paragraph or two of explanation and argument for the importance of the topic and its inclusion on the programme (max. 200 words).
- (5) A paragraph (optional) that describes the organisers' own experience with and research agenda on the topic. Citations to publications by the organiser can be included if applicable (max. 100 words).
- (6) The number of papers anticipated, and the names and affiliations of those who have agreed in principle to participate.
- (7) A description of the proposed organisational structure including any plans for pre-conferences (if any), publication of the papers (before or after the Congress), or other activities (max. 100 words).

If selected, organisers of sessions will be asked to take on the following responsibilities:

- (1) Communicate as requested with the Secretary General of the Association and the Congress organisers in Helsinki as the programme takes shape.

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- (2) Circulate an open call for participation that invites broad involvement by scholars from different countries and approaches. Organisers will be asked to respect the Association's desire to make the World Congress as inclusive as possible, encouraging if necessary, young scholars and those from outside of Western Europe and North America.
- (3) Plan the sessions in Helsinki to allow at least twenty percent of the available time for informal open discussion from the floor.
- (4) Ensure that all participants are able to communicate easily and effectively with each other both before the Congress and during the session. Particular attention should be given to easing the difficulty of scholarly dialogue among participants with different native languages.
- (5) Provide or raise whatever funding may be necessary for the proposed session and associated activities before and after the Congress.

Submissions (preferably via e-mail) to: Secretary-General, Prof dr JL van Zanden, c/o IISG, Cruquiusweg 31, 1019 AT Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Fax: + 31 20 665 4181 E-mail: [ieha@iisg.nl](mailto:ieha@iisg.nl)

Receipt of session proposals will be acknowledged by e-mail.



## **ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 19 – 21 SEPTEMBER 2003 • NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TRANSITIONS IN ECONOMIC HISTORY**

The annual meeting of the Economic History Association, on the theme 'Transitions in Economic History', will be held in Nashville, Tennessee 19-21 September 2003.

All economies of the world have experienced a number of transitions in their history. These include those of a grand sort, such as revolution, independence from colonial rule, and the emergence of a market economy. But they also encompass many other transitions that were identified long ago by Simon Kuznets and other scholars as part and parcel of the process of economic development, such as the demographic transition, the decline of the family farm, the rise of services, and the emergence of a multi-ethnic population. These transitions have proceeded more smoothly in some nations than others and they have not taken place everywhere with the same speed. Some may be seen as having been more successful than others.

Why have these transitions been more successful in some places? What determines the speed of transitions? Does the speed matter to eventual success? What has been the impact on the standard of living and the distribution of income and wealth during the process?

Further information can be found on the EHA website: <http://www.eh.net/EHA>

## **MARKET PERFORMANCE AND THE WELFARE GAINS OF MARKET INTEGRATION IN HISTORY FLORENCE • LATE SPRING/EARLY SUMMER 2004**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

A conference on market performance and the welfare gains of market integration in history will be held in Florence over a long weekend in late spring/early summer of 2004.

During the last decade a series of studies have documented the extent of commodity market integration in Europe and worldwide assisted by the development of new econometric tools. This new workshop – organised by the European Science Foundation network on historical market integration – will open up new perspectives in commodity market integration analysis by focusing on the welfare impact of market integration.

Papers which look at market integration between geographically separated markets and which deal with how improvements in market performance can be measured and estimated are invited. Relevant concerns are:

- How far have actual markets been throughout history from attaining the (transport costs adjusted) law of one price?
- What is the speed by which market dis-equilibrium is adjusted?
- What are the social benefits from improved market efficiency when we take market efficiency to mean that markets obey or quickly adjust to the (transport cost adjusted) law of one price?

Papers which focus on the historical evolution of one or several of the barriers to market integration are also welcome. These can focus on the impact of: high but falling transport costs; poor but improved information transmission; or political constraints to market integration in protectionist trade policies and their costs.

Please send, by 15 September 2003, a two page abstract of the proposed paper to:

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**ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
2 – 4 APRIL 2004 • ROYAL HOLLOWAY,  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

**CALL FOR NEW RESEARCHERS' PAPERS**

The 2004 annual conference of the Economic History Society will be hosted by Royal Holloway, University of London from 2 to 4 April.

The annual conference of the Economic History Society 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 session will be held on the afternoon of Friday, 2 April 2004. Those wishing to be considered for inclusion in the programme at Royal Holloway must submit a synopsis by 26 September 2003. 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 5 January 2004 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 HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2 – 4 APRIL 2004 • ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

### **CALL FOR ACADEMIC PAPERS**

The 2004 annual conference of the Economic History Society will be hosted by Royal Holloway, University of London from 2 to 4 April.

The Conference Programme Committee invites proposals for entire sessions (of 1.75 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 in 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) a short c.v. and a short abstract of 400-500 words to: Maureen Galbraith, Economic History Society, Dept of Economic & Social History, University of Glasgow, 4 University Gardens, Glasgow G12 8QQ. E-mail: ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk

For full consideration, proposals must be received by 26 September 2003. Notices of acceptance will be sent to individual paper givers by 14 November 2003.

### **◆ GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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## **PROGRAMME IN EARLY AMERICAN ECONOMY AND SOCIETY 2002 ARTICLE PRIZES**

The Programme in Early American Economy and Society will make its annual award(s) to recognise the best journal article or articles published in 2002 relating to an aspect of early American economic history, broadly defined, to about 1850. The awards committee welcomes submissions in such fields as the history of commerce, business, finance, agriculture, manufacturing, technology, labour, and economic policy. Each winning article will receive \$1,000. Nominations for the award should be made by someone other than the author; complete entries consist of three copies of the article and a nominating letter explaining its importance to the field of early American economic history.

Submission deadline is 15 March 2003. Please send all materials to: PEAES, The Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, USA. Further information is available from Cathy Matson, Director of PEAES. E-mail: cmatson@udel.edu Website: www.librarycompany.org

## NATIONAL AWARDS FOR HISTORY TEACHING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

In partnership with the Historical Association, History at the Universities Defence Group and the Royal Historical Society, the Subject Centre for History, Classics and Archaeology announces the introduction of National Awards for History Teaching in Higher Education. The aim of the awards is to recognise and reward history teachers who have made an outstanding contribution to the enhancement of history teaching and the support of student learning through innovation, leadership or excellence in national, regional or institutional contexts, and to draw their achievements to the attention of the history community as a whole.

Up to five awards, each of £1,000, will be made in the first year of the scheme, 2002-2003. The awards are open to all full or part-time historians (except those listed below\*) who are currently teaching on history courses in UK institutions of higher education, or history courses on higher education programmes in UK further education institutions.

Those wishing to apply should provide an account of their contribution to the enhancement of teaching and learning in History, under the following headings. Submissions must not, in total, exceed eight pages in twelve point:

1. *Cover Sheet* (one page): providing your full name, job title, institutional address, telephone number and email address.
2. *Summary Statement* (one page): highlighting your key achievements and contributions.
3. *Guiding Principles* (one page): an account of your teaching philosophy in relation to developing students' knowledge, skills and understanding in History.
4. *Reflective Account*: detailing the work that you have undertaken to enhance teaching and support student learning, and its impact on students' learning experiences and achievements. This should be limited to work undertaken within the last ten years, but may be substantially focused on work in more recent years. (max. three pages). The following examples are provided for guidance only; they are not intended to be prescriptive: enhancement of teaching and learning through traditional or innovative modes of course design, delivery or assessment; development of departmental strategies or practices in developing the curriculum, teaching, learning and assessment; contribution to disciplinary dialogue and scholarship on teaching and learning through seminars and workshops, advising colleagues, or publications.
5. *Supporting References*: two letters (one page each) of support from colleagues who have good knowledge of your work. The first letter should be written by a colleague from your own department or institution. The second letter should be from

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a colleague outside your own institution. Please note that these letters will form part of your application. The Subject Centre will not write to referees on your behalf.

All applications should be sent to: Caroline Graham-Brown, Manager of the Subject Centre for History, Archaeology and Classics, 1 University Gardens, University of Glasgow, G12 8QQ by 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 7 March 2003. Email submissions (cgb@arts.gla.ac.uk) are acceptable, but must not exceed eight pages of text in twelve point. No additional materials should be submitted, or will be considered. Please note that no application forms are provided.

All applications will be evaluated by an Evaluation Panel of judges to be chaired by Dr Andrew Roach, Director of the Subject Centre, and comprising historians representing the Subject Centre, the Historical Association, History at the Universities Defence Group and the Royal Historical Society. The award winners will be announced on Wednesday, 9 April 2003 at the annual Conference for the Development of Teaching and Learning in History, at the University of Lancaster.

In reaching their decisions, particular attention will be paid by the Panel to the ways in which applicants have demonstrated through their submission: the ability to enhance teaching and student learning in history, whether in the classroom or as part of departmental or disciplinary initiatives; a commitment to the ongoing development of teaching and learning in the subject; evidence of a track record or potential to influence others in the history community in relation to the development of teaching and learning in the discipline; a reflective and systematic approach to teaching and learning in the subject; the distinctiveness of the applicant's contribution to the development of teaching and learning in the discipline.

Award winners will be required to support the work of the Subject Centre in the following ways: by providing a brief case-study of their work, for publication on the Subject Centre website in order to help disseminate good practices; by being interviewed on their approach to history teaching to encourage collegial reflection on teaching and learning issues; by contributing to the Subject Centre's annual History conference or to similar Subject Centre events such as national seminars and workshops. (Conference fees and travel expenses for attendance will be paid by the Centre.)

In accordance with LTSN auditing procedures, award winners will be required to demonstrate that the award money has been used for educational purposes; for example, the purchase of books and equipment, or travel and costs associated with teaching, research and other professional activities. A summary statement (one page) of expenditure must be submitted to the Subject Centre within one year of the receipt of the £1,000 award.

Further information on the activities of the subject centre can be found at: <http://hca.ltsn.ac.uk/history>

\*(i) National Teaching Fellowship award holders (NTFS); (ii) staff working for the Subject Centre for History, Classics and Archaeology (LTSN); (iii) members of the Evaluation Panel for the Awards.



## **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. The application, and supervisor's statement of support, should clearly indicate how the research relates to economic and/or social history.

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 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 – [www.ehs.org.uk/grtawd.htm#TRAVEL](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 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 – [www.ehs.org.uk/grtawd.htm#INITIATIVES](http://www.ehs.org.uk/grtawd.htm#INITIATIVES) – or from Mrs Maureen Galbraith.

## GYORGY RANKI PRIZE



The Gyorgy Ranki Prize, established for the outstanding book in the economic history of Europe (including the British Isles and Russia) will be presented at the annual meeting of the Economic History Association. This \$1,100 prize is awarded biennially and alternates with the Alice Hanson Jones Prize for a book in North American economic history. The 2003 Ranki Prize will be awarded for a book published in 2001 or 2002.

Only books published in English during 2001 or 2002 are eligible for the 2003 prize. The author need not be a member of the Association. Authors, publishers, or anyone else may nominate books. Send a copy of the book, plus a curriculum vitae of the author(s), with current information about addresses and telephone numbers, to each member of the committee listed below. The deadline for submission is 1 March 2003.

The Ranki Committee members are: Maristella Botticini, Economics, Boston University, 270 Bay State Rd, Room 310, Boston, MA 02215, USA; John P. McKay, 309 Gregory Hall, 810 S Wright, Urbana, IL 61801, USA; Nathan Sussman, Dept. of Economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, 91905 Israel; Lynn Hollen Lees, Dept. of History, 208 College Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6379, USA; Gianni Toniolo, Duke University, Dept. of Economics, Box 90097, Durham, NC 27708-0097, USA.

## **THE NORTHERN ECONOMIC & SOCIAL HISTORIANS' CONFERENCE 16 NOVEMBER 2002 • UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL**

The annual meeting of the Northern Economic and Social Historians took place at the University of Liverpool on 16 November 2002, hosted by the School of History. While the 2001 conference had been cancelled due to timing problems, it is much to the credit of the local organiser, Bernard Foley, that efforts were made to ensure that the event remained a vibrant part of the calendar. Certainly, if one can go by the variety and quality of the papers presented, it is clear that the Northern is much valued by those who regularly participate.

The meeting started with a paper from John Walton (Central Lancashire), 'The playful crowd: fairground pleasures at Blackpool and Coney Island in the twentieth century'. Copiously and richly illustrated, this lively presentation revealed a myriad range of issues. In characteristic fashion, John Walton also provided tantalising glimpses into the attitudes underpinning the design and development of leisure parks, provoking the audience into providing several interventions. It was a superb start to what is typically a highly informal and participative event.

The second paper was provided by David Higgins (Sheffield), who talked about "‘Mutton dressed as lamb?’ The misrepresentation of Australian and New Zealand meat in the British market, c.1890-c.1914'. This work combined detailed primary research with an economic analysis of the importance of trade marks, stimulating some discussion about what is a much under-researched subject. Viv Caruana (Manchester) followed, with a paper on 'The development of Manchester Airport: local initiative vs. state planning c.1930-80.' Although one member of the audience bored the rest with tales of municipal enterprise going back to the creation of the Manchester municipal gasworks in 1817, the consequent discussion provided some support for the contention that for the last 200 years the city has possessed a dynamism that others envied. Given the venue, this was a surprising conclusion.

Following lunch (at the restaurant inside the Everyman Theatre), two further papers were given. The first was by David Stead (York) on 'Land tenure and rural society in England, c.1700 – 1850.' Apart from presenting the results of a detailed analysis of estate incomes, David then applied principal-agent theory to the

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analysis and produced some highly stimulating conclusions that prompted a lively discussion. Finally, Roger Lloyd-Jones and Mervyn Lewis (Sheffield Hallam) talked about “‘A war of industry’”: the performance of the British machine tool industry in the inter-war years’. Based on extensive archival research into the firm Alfred Herbert Ltd. and the machine tool trade organisation, this paper reflected once again how the application of economic theory to historical analysis is providing a much more nuanced understanding of key issues.

It is clear from the quality and variety of papers presented at this meeting that economic and social history research continues to blossom. Certainly, the audience went away convinced that the discipline was continuing to search for both new approaches and lively analysis. Even though departments of economic and social history have virtually disappeared in northern universities, it is clear that there are still sufficient people around who want to meet annually and discuss ongoing research. It may be necessary in the future to extend the geographical coverage, perhaps linking up with the Midlands and Scotland. Much will depend, though, upon how individual scholars respond to the calls for both papers and attendance. Ultimately, given the non-institutional nature of the Northern, it is the responsibility of individual scholars to ensure that the more enjoyable aspects of our work continue to flourish. Of course, there are many calls on our time and resources, not least a proliferation of conferences, forcing us all to prioritise. Nevertheless, to lose events like the Northern would significantly affect our ability to interact in a most positive and rewarding fashion. The Northern has for over twenty years been an important fixture in the conference calendar; judging from the Liverpool event, it still possesses a role in bringing together economic and social historians in a friendly, yet academically robust, environment. Long may this be the case.

*John Wilson, University of Nottingham*

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