

Economic Historians at the University of Reading are pleased to invite you to join us for a one day workshop on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011

## **‘The lure of aggregates’: The potential and pitfalls of datasets in historical perspective**

The aim of the workshop is to expand our understanding of the use and miss-use of data and the potential for the study of economic history. The day is designed around presentations by distinguished economic historians, including the current President of the Economic History Society, employing different innovative approaches to data. These are followed by round table discussions by participants drawing on their own experiences. It will culminate in a final plenary lecture by Professor Ann Carlos, University of Colorado, on a subject that has parallels and relevance for today’s economic conditions.

### **Provisional Programme**

- 9.30 Registration and coffee
- 9.45 Welcome and introduction
- 10.00 Professor Jane Humphries (University of Oxford), President Economic History Society  
*Combining quantitative and qualitative evidence: A case study of child labour in the industrial revolution*
- Round table discussion
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 Professor Steve Broadberry (University of Warwick)  
*Reconstructing British national income, 1270-1870*
- Round table discussion
- 3.00 Tea
- 3.30 Professor Roger Middleton (University of Bristol)  
*The British Historical Statistics Project*
- Round table discussion
- 5.00 Professor Ann Carlos (University of Colorado)  
*The business of bankruptcy in Early Modern England*
- 5.00 Concluding discussion
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For further details of the day contact **Dr Margaret Yates: [m.h.yates@reading.ac.uk](mailto:m.h.yates@reading.ac.uk)**

Early booking is advisable as numbers are restricted to facilitate discussion.  
Contact Astrid House: [a.house@reading.ac.uk](mailto:a.house@reading.ac.uk) to secure a place.

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