BSHS Postgraduate Conference 2011-12 draft programme

**Wednesday 4th January**

11:30- 12:40  Registration & lunch
12:40- 14:20  

1- introductory remarks and ‘colonial visions, postcolonial interventions’
Kapil Subramanian- Canals, Sugarcane and Tube-wells: System building in an Agrarian Economy
James Hall- The Races of Cattle: Acclimatization and Classification between India and Britain
Rebecca Williams- Family Planning, the Khanna Study, and “The Epidemiology of Population”
Orla Mulrooney- Exploring Medical Tourism c1976-2011

14:50-15:50  

2a- the cold war era
Josh Moulding- How They Eat Children’: Rumour, Myth and Folklore in INCAP’s Guatemalan Anti-Kwashiorkor Initiatives, 1949-1964
Daniele Macuglia- Nuclear Secrets and Environmental Consciousness in the US during the Cold War: Hidden Histories at Oak Ridge, Hanford Works and the Savannah River Site, 1945-1984
Roberto Cantoni- The American shadow: Italian oil between continuity and change

2b- museums and collections
Ruth Horry- Babylonian gods as ancestors of modern medicine? Disciplinary self-identity in Wellcome’s Historical Medical Museum, 1913
Michael Kay- Painting Perpetual Motion: The curious story of the Museum of History, Science and Technology's most prominent artefact
Rebecca Elizabeth Bowd- Priestley’s legacy? The subscription library movement in the north of England in the mid-eighteenth century

16:10-17:10  

3a- technology and industry
Roland John Edwards- A Short Review of the History of Ergonomics in the UK
Advait Deshpande- The dream of a Digital Britain: the proposal to renationalise British Telecom in the 1980s
Katherine Platt- Technology and Regional Identity: Siemens in the North of England

Session 3b- science of the sea
Lisa Taramaschi- The history of oceanography: ancient roots, modern definition
Rebecca Whyte & J. M. Goodchild- Maritime Disinfection: The Historical Problem of Infection at Sea
Samuel Robinson- Gobbling up the Discovery Committee: changing perspectives in postwar British Oceanography

17:10  Wine Reception

There will be a group of us dining at an on-campus cafe at c. 7pm- you are welcome to join us on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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Thursday 5th January

10:00-11:20

4a- health in twentieth century Britain?
Thomas Bray- *The Rush Down Handcross Hill*: The Transformation of Cycling in England, 1890-1939
Gregory Hollin- *The Curious Case of Autism in the 80s: How a social disorder was desocialised*
Gareth Millward- *Invalid definitions: who was “really” disabled, 1965-1995?*

4b- textual practices
Ashleigh Blackwood- *Dissecting Discourse: The Implications of Gendered Practice in Obstetric Writing*
Hannah Ridge- *‘Falsehood and Error’: Medical Morality on Page and Stage*
Greg Wells- *What did James Cooke think he was doing?*
Caroline Gillan- *The Function and Nature of Eighteenth-Century Scientific Dedications*

11:40-13:00

5a- philosophy and science
Andreas Sommer- *Science and the supernatural: Changing functions of the occult from Francis Bacon to William James*
Barnaby Hutchins- *The mechanics of subvisible bodies in Descartes’ late physiology: a methodological problem*
Laura Georgescu- *Processes of experimentation: the parallel of exploratory experimentation to experientia literata*
Jane Orton- *Beyond the Shadows: Plato’s Mathematical Journey to the World of the Forms*

5b- Christopher Tancock (Elsevier Publishing)
13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:20

6a- consensus and controversy
Antonio Sánchez- *The Standardization of Cartographic Representation in Early Modern Spanish World*
Alessandro Allegra- *The definition problem of the “gene”: an historical perspective*
Jordi Mora Casanova- *The appropriation process of a model for the structure of matter: Berthelot, Luanco and the unity of matter*
Mar Cuenca-Lorente- *Invisible crimes?: Poisons, Experts and the Shaping of Nineteenth-century Toxicology in Spain*

6b- constructing scientific and political cultures
Jacob Halford- *Semantic Shifts and the Scientific Revolution*
Clara Florensa- *Appropriation of evolutionary theory in Francoist Spain. The case of La Vanguardia Española (1939-1978)*
James Goodchild- *Boffins, Wonks and Egg-heads: Culturing the Heroes of Twentieth Century Science*
Carolyn Dougherty- *Gravity and Power*

15:50-16:50

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7a- visualisation and medicine/science
Hsiang-Fu Huang- The Universe in a Cockpit: popular astronomy lectures and displays in nineteenth century Britain
Claire Trevien- The Spectacle of Science : illusion in prints of the French Revolution
Marius Buning- Proofing inventions: Privilege drawings and scale modelling in the early modern Dutch Republic

7b- ancient traditions
Olga Sapoznikov & Vaclav Paral- Animals in the Old Testimony: Anatomical View
Abdulrahman A. Aqra - Gods of healing in Canaanite civilization
Shazia Jagot- Chaucer’s ‘loveris maladye/Of hereos’ and the Arabic Medical Tradition

Conference dinner at 7pm

Friday 6th January
10:00-11:20
8a- responses to disease
Jane Hand- The Crusade to ‘Conquer Cancer’: Public and Voluntary Health Education Initiatives in the Campaign against Lung Cancer in Ireland 1958-1978
Josette Duncan- Prostitution and Isolation - the Contagious Diseases Acts as practised in the Mediterranean British Colonies
Barbara C. Canavan- Predicting the Next Pandemic
Yolana Pringl- Explaining epidemics of ‘mass hysteria’ in East Africa, 1962-4

8b- encounters with social and economic history
Matthew Paskins- Stoves, Ventilators and Flat Socialities
Michael Weatherburn- Towards a History of Industrial Production: the inter-war National Institute of Industrial Psychology
William Burns- Apple cultures: Pests, pumps, and pipes in interwar British orchards

11:40-12:50
9a- science and the public
David Hirst- From Conference to Conference: Climate Change Gets Political, 1979-1992
Miquel Carandell- Getting a Different Dimension: The Orce Man Controversy in Spanish Newspapers
Alice White- Selling Social Science Solutions: Making the Case for Human Relations in Post-War Britain

9b- the board of longitude 1714-1828: Science, Innovation and Empire in the Georgian World
Katy Barrett- Longitude Inscrib’d: Early pamphlet solutions to the longitude problem
Eoin Phillips- Between Astronomer, Timekeeper and Logbook: Moving between the discovery and production of Longitude
Sophie Waring- The Nautical Almanac: An Instrument of Controversy

12:50 Lunch & close

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