

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.

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?*

Claire Sewell- *Giving a Voice to Sufferers from Mental Illness and their Carers*: The Carer Movement in Britain, c.1970-90.

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

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 Testament: 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 Pringle- *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 Inscib'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