

Negative Sociability in Early Modern Britain and the Atlantic

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Lightfoot Room in the Old Divinity School

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Confirmed speakers:

- Markku Peltonen (University of Helsinki)
- Mark Knights (University of Warwick)
- Helen Berry (Newcastle University)
- Teresa Bejan (University of Oxford),
- Sarah Pearsall (University of Cambridge)
- Mark Hailwood (University of Bristol)
- Soile Ylivuori (Queen Mary, University of London)
- Naomi Pullin (University of Cambridge)
- Patrick McGhee (University of Cambridge)

About the Workshop:

This workshop aims to extend the scholarship on communities, group identities and individual social relationship through exploring the muddier ground that lies between sociable and anti-social behaviour, with a particular focus on Britain and its North American colonies. Taking the concept of 'negative sociability' as its starting point, we hope to explore how ostensibly positive or inclusive social behaviour could be manipulated to facilitate exclusion or social ostracism. Through fostering conversation between scholars working on diverse aspects of early modern British culture, politics and society, the workshop seeks to uncover the many different contexts and registers in which sociability was theorised, understood and practised.

Places on the workshop are free, but limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis

To attend, please contact the workshop organisers: Dr Naomi Pullin (nrp41@cam.ac.uk) and Carys Brown (clmb3@cam.ac.uk)