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**THE SOCIAL ORDER, RIOT AND REBELLION IN EARLY
MODERN ENGLAND**

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Context of Module

This module may be taken by students on the MA in Social and Religious History, the MA in History, or any taught Master's student outside the History Department.

Module Aims

To familiarize students with issues of social order, the assumptions and aspirations of local and central authorities, and the challenges posed by new social, economic, and demographic pressures in this period. It will consider issues of enforcement, resistance, and compliance, and the mentalities of subordinate groups. The module will introduce a range of contemporary source materials, and consider a range of current approaches and debates among historians.

Intended Learning Outcomes

- The development of seminar participation skills, including presentations;
- A greater familiarity with the recent historiography of the period, and an ability to engage critically with it in the light of familiarity with relevant primary source materials.
- The ability to develop, research and write a 5000 word assessed essay, in an area related to the module, demonstrating critical engagement with recent scholarship and effective use of primary sources where appropriate, and providing an extensive and specialist bibliography, and a scholarly apparatus;
- The ability to build on themes related to this module to develop a Dissertation later in the course.

Seminar 1: Introduction and Overview

There is no separate reading list for this seminar.

Dip into the general reading lists to identify what you see as the key issues in the social history of the period.

What connecting links can we establish between them?

Seminar 2 : The Social Order: Structure, Perceptions, Change

For discussion:

1. Why was there so much contemporary interest in the social structure of England in the period 1550-1700?
2. Is the concept of class of any relevance to discussion of the social order of Tudor and Stuart England?
3. Are there any satisfactory means of measuring social mobility in this period?
4. Does the absence of women in the social hierarchies constructed by writers from William Harrison to Gregory King imply that they enjoyed no variations in their status?

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Presentations:

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2. The Language of Class: Walter (1999); Wood (1999/2006); Rollison (2001/2005).

Seminar 3 : Neighbourhood and the Community

For discussion:

1. 'There are very serious problems involved in regarding the parish as defining the boundaries of the "local community" in early modern England'. Discuss.
2. To what extent were the neighbourhoods of early modern England 'moral communities, founded upon the expectation of adherence to conventional standards of both public and private behaviour'?
3. Why do we hear so much about socio-cultural conflicts in early seventeenth-century England and so little about them in the early eighteenth century?
4. Are there any satisfactory methods of measuring the level of social conflict in early modern England?

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Presentations:

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2. 'A Culture of Reconciliation': Sharpe (1983), Hindle (1996), Muldrew (1996)

Seminar 4: Crime and Punishment

For discussion:

1. Does the study of crime provide any sort of mirror of the larger changes taking place in English society in this period?
2. Did the criminal law and its procedures reflect 'a moral consensus that knew no social distinctions'?
3. Do the records of prosecutions in the assize and quarter session courts tell us anything of value about the incidence of crime?

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Presentations:

1. On popular participation: Herrup (1985), Sharpe (1985)
2. On power and authority: Lawson (1988), Kesselring (2003)

Seminar 5: The Church and Social Discipline

For discussion:

1. Did the expansion in activity in the ecclesiastical courts between 1530 and 1640 owe more to religious changes than to the other social and economic changes of the period?
2. Was puritanism a necessary precondition for a greater enforcement of moral behaviour on the poor?
3. 'A puritane is such a one as loves God with all his soule but hates his neighbour with all his heart'. Does this early-seventeenth century view help explain the reformation of manners?
4. Was there more at stake in slander litigation than the urge to defend a materially-damaged reputation?

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Seminar 6: The Family and Gender Conflict

For discussion:

1. 'The law was one thing, social practice quite another'. To what extent was this true of marriage formation and marital separation in this period?
2. Were the households of pre-industrial England ever a sphere of 'rough and ready equality' for women?
3. What determined the social esteem of women in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries?
4. Would you agree that the experience of women in early modern England was characterised by the paradox of a 'restrictive ideology' coexisting with a 'permissive reality' for women?

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Seminar 7: Age and Authority

For discussion:

1. 'Because individual lives were more integrated with familial goals, many decisions now considered "individual", such as choice of occupation, leaving home, or getting married, were in fact part of collective familial strategies.' Was this true of English family life in this period?
2. Have historians of the family in early modern England devoted too much attention to alleged shifts in the emotional intensity of family relationships and too little to the enduring realities of the power of husbands and fathers?
3. Is it possible to talk of a 'youth culture' in early modern England'?

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Seminar 8: Riot and Popular Protest

For discussion:

1. 'No good end can be obtained by rioting'. Discuss.
2. Would you agree that 'the insubordination of the common people was an inconvenience rather than a menace' in early modern England?
3. Why were there apparently more enclosure riots than food riots before 1650, and more food riots than enclosure riots in the hundred years thereafter?
4. Would you agree that early modern English riots were 'a form of petitioning in strength and in deed'?

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For discussion:

1. 'In early modern England violence was perpetrated much more by the rulers than by the ruled'. Discuss.
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