

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

POSTGRADUATE  
CONFERENCE  
2019



**THURSDAY & FRIDAY, MAY 30-31**

Wolfson Research Exchange

**CO-ORGANISED BY RICARDO AGUILAR, ED DEVANE, OIHANE ETAYO, ALEEMA GRAY, NI LEIYUN & BECKIE RUTHERFORD.**

# POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE 2019

DAY 1

Thursday, 30 May

09.30 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

09.45 WELCOME ADDRESS

**10.00 PANEL 1: FOOD CULTURE AND HISTORY**

*Chair: Rebecca Earle*

**Ricardo Aguilar.** History of Food in Sixteen-Century New Spain: Relaciones de Indias and Materia médica

**Louise Morgan.** 'Eat Better, Not Less': Finding the History of Clean Eating

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

**11.20 PANEL 2: TWENTIETH CENTURY BRITAIN - WELFARE AND SOCIAL CHANGE**

*Chair: Mathew Thomson*

**Ed Devane.** True Pioneers? Modernity and the Austerity Health Centre

**Pierre Botcheby.** 'Representing local interests in post-industrial town centre regeneration: a case study of St. Helens, Merseyside'

**Josh Patel.** Realising the 'Good Society' through Economic Science: the Robbins Report into Higher Education (1963)

---

12.40 LUNCH BREAK

---

**13.40 PANEL 3: MODERN BRITAIN, COLONIAL GOVERNANCE AND INFORMAL IMPERIALISM**

*Chair: Robert Fletcher*

**Ahmad Shaviz Fawad.** British foreign policy towards Afghanistan in the late-19th century

**Ali Al Khalifa.** The Adviser: The Role of Charles Belgrave in Bahrain within Britain's Informal Empire in the Gulf

**Bobby Tam.** Stories of Fear: Colonial State Inquests of Suicides and unreported Burials in Nineteenth-century Hong Kong

15.00 END OF DAY ONE

# POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE 2019

DAY 2

Friday, 31 May

10.00

## PANEL 4: CONSTRUCTING IDENTITIES: RACE, SEXUALITY AND GENDER

*Chair: Laura Schwartz*

**Molly Wilson-Smith.** Darwinism, gender and feminism: the invention of capitalist human nature in nineteenth century Britain

**Hannah Ayres.** Queering Public History: Identity and Community

**Becky Hodgkinson.** Migrant Work and Leisure: Caribbean Women's Experiences of Postwar and Postcolonial Britain

11.20

COFFEE BREAK

11.40

## PANEL 5: LOCAL POLITICAL CULTURE AND URBAN SOCIAL CHANGE IN MEDIEVAL AND MODERN ENGLAND

*Chair: Sarah Richardson*

**Sarah Boote-Powell.** Bringing To Light 'The Hidden Things of Darkness': Local Politics in Three Midland Boroughs in the Age of Reform, 1826-41

**Joe Chick.** Take No Parishioners: Poverty Management in Fifteenth- and Sixteenth-Century Parishes

12.40

LUNCH BREAK

13.40

## PANEL 6: EARLY MODERN EMPIRES: CULTURES OF BANDITRY, CORRUPTION, AND MATERIAL CULTURE

*Chair: Anne Gerritsen*

**Qianwen Qing.** Scandal in the Caribbean, 1680-1720

**Cheng He.** The Formation of Lacquer in the Early Modern Europe

**Sander Molenaar.** The social organisation of sea bandits in Chaozhou, ca. 1460

15.00

COFFEE BREAK

15.20

## PANEL 7: RELIGION, POLITICS, AND PERFORMANCE IN RESTORATION ENGLAND

*Chair: Mark Knights*

**Hannah Straw.** "This race of Drunkards, Pimps and Fools": The Court Wits and Performance

**David Fletcher.** 'Hypocritical Religionaries' remembered in Restoration drama

16.20

CLOSING REMARKS