

'SCANDALOUS HISTORIES'

POSTGRADUATE AND EARLY CAREER HISTORIANS CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 13 / SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2013

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SCANDALOUS PLANS UNFOLD!

From horsemeat in burgers to LIBOR rate fixing by bankers, contemporary society it seems lurches from one scandal to the next. Some commentators interpret such phenomena as signs of the overwhelmingly corrupt nature of modern life but scandals of various kinds have occurred in many different times and places. This conference is particularly interested in the ways in which scandals have been given urgency or



charge in the past, helping to reveal disturbing aspects of existing social, political and economic relations. It will provide an opportunity to critically assess both particular scandals but also hopes to encourage more general reflection on the historical significance of scandal.

QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT 'SCANDALOUS CONFERENCE'

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2013

12:00 – 12:30

ARRIVAL

12:30 – 14:00

WELCOME AND LUNCH

CHAIR: DR ALISON ROWLANDS, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

14:00 – 14:30

WILLIAM POOLEY
[UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD]

**“WHEN DADDY ISN’T HOME”: GOSSIP, SINGING AND THE NEGOTIATION OF
SEXUALITY IN THE LENDES DE GASCOGNE, C.1830–1914**

14:30 – 15:00

MIKE GARLAND
[UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX]

‘HOW TO COOK A WIFE!’: THE SCANDALOUS LITERATURE OF THE STREET

15:00 – 15:15

BREAK

CHAIR: DR FIONA VENN

15:15 – 15:45

SHERYL BERNADETTE
[UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD]

**SOVIET COMMUNISM AND BRITISH COMMUNISM: THE CASE OF
KHRUSHCHEV AND LAWRENCE DALY**

15:45 – 16:15

SOPHIA KOTZER
[UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER]

**‘ALEXANDER MEN’S SCANDALOUS MURDER’:
VIEW OF THE CHURCH-STATE MEDIA DISCOURSE DURING PERESTROIKA**

16:15 – 16:30

BREAK

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

16:30 – 17:30

EDWARD PHILLIPS
[UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH]

KENYA AND MALAYA: SANCTIONED HISTORY AND COLONIAL DISGRACE

17:30 – 18:00

CLOSING COMMENTS

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DINNER

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2013

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[LANCASTER UNIVERSITY]

WELCOME

CHAIR: DR AMANDA FLATHER

VICTORIAN FOOD ADULTERATION: SCANDAL, HUMOUR AND LEGISLATION

'THE GREATEST SCOUNDREL THAT EVER LIVED': THE CASE OF JOHN BAGSHAW AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOVERCOURT NEW TOWN IN THE 1850S

SCANDALOUS ETIQUETTE: VIOLATIONS OF COURT MOURNING IN EARLY MODERN BRITAIN

BREAK

CHAIR: DR PETER GURNEY

'PENNY DEATH TRAPS' - THE PRESS, THE POOR, AND THE 'PERILOUS' PENNY PARAFFIN LAMP

'RESTORATION RAMHEADS': WHAT CUCKOLDS REVEAL ABOUT THE CONCERNS AND CONSTRUCTION OF MANHOOD, 1600-1685

'SEDUCTION TRAFFIC': THE IMMORAL CONDITION OF THE METROPOLIS

LUNCH

CHAIR: DR THOMAS S. FREEMAN

DISSIDENCE AND DAMNATION: THE TRIAL OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

"MUCH INFAMY AND SCANDAL": SEXUAL AND FINANCIAL IMPROPRIETY AT WINCHESTER COLLEGE

"MARRIAGE À LA MODE" REINVENTED — AN 1820'S EXAMPLE INVOLVING HARRIOT MELLON AND THE DUKE OF BURFORDS

BREAK

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

'PARADISE OF KNAVES?': WHAT BUSINESS SCANDALS TELL US ABOUT VICTORIAN BRITAIN

CLOSING COMMENTS

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

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