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## NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT

The Officers and Council of the Society would like to apologise for the late appearance of recent issues of the *Review*. Whilst the process of decision making from first submission to acceptance of articles has been streamlined in recent years and waiting times are short (compared with earlier years and with comparable journals), the *Review* continues to suffer from a post RAE decline in submissions from UK academics. As commitment to the established high standards of the *Review* remains the first priority of the editors, together with a balance of topics by subject matter and period in each issue, the shortfall in UK submissions has inevitably affected production times. To increase the flow of submissions the editors have developed a series of policies, some of which are announced in the current issue of the *Review*, to get publication of the issues back on schedule. A fuller report will appear in a future newsletter. If members wish to comment on this matter please direct such comments to the President. Meanwhile this would seem a good time to submit your high quality research articles for consideration by the *Review*.

The Society's membership recruitment drive continues as a priority activity. Please assist in attracting new members to the Society, especially new researchers and those in early career. Recruitment flyers and application forms are available from Maureen Galbraith (whose contact details can be found in the inside back cover of this publication). If you would like to host a recruitment reception and seminar at your institution, please contact Maureen. The seminar would include a talk by the President or by Dr Sheldon (the Society's membership and recruitment officer) about the past and the future of economic and social history, the dissemination of information about the Society's activities and website, and refreshments. Hospitality costs would be met by the Society.

The arrangements for the 2004 conference, which will take place 2-4 April at Royal Holloway's Egham campus, are in hand. Calls for papers have been widely published in various media and can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this publication. Efforts continue to find venues and local organisers for future annual conferences. Much of the burden of organisation is now borne by the administrative secretary. If you wish to consider hosting a conference, please do get in touch with Maureen Galbraith, who will be happy to discuss this with you in further detail and to provide a conference specification.

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Following a vote at Council in April it has been decided to suspend the fixed annual meeting of the Standing Conference in favour of calling ad hoc meetings from time to time and as matters of importance and interest to institutional representatives accumulate. Such a meeting took place on 21 June 2003 at LSE where the subject was the potential impact upon economic and social history of the recent White Paper on the Future of Higher Education, together with HEFCE policy and the Roberts Report. A panel of speakers included Professors Roderick Floud, Rick Trainor and Pat Hudson. A full report of the meeting will appear in a future issue of the newsletter.

A Schools Conference, organised by Dr Jim Phillips, took place at the University of Glasgow on 31 January 2003. The event was over-subscribed, which allowed the Department at Glasgow to cover costs without requiring financial support from the Society. About 350 pupils and teachers attended from 22 schools, hearing talks from Hamish Fraser (Liberal Welfare Reforms, 1906-14), Eleanor Gordon (Votes for Women), Ray Stokes (Nazism and Fascism) and by Ian Matheson of the SQA. It is likely that the University of Glasgow will stage a similar event in 2003-4. Departments willing to host such meetings as a boost to their recruitment, to strengthen links with local schools and colleges and to raise the profile of economic and social history as a degree subject more generally should contact Nuala Zahedieh (n.zahedieh@ed.ac.uk), chair of the Schools and Colleges Committee. Offers would be particularly welcomed from the south west and the London areas.

Interviews took place on 13 May to select four candidates for the Society's fellowships for 2003-4, to be held at the Institute of Historical Research. From an extensive field of applicants eight were interviewed and four very strong new researchers were appointed: Matteo Rizzo to the Tawney Fellowship (working at SOAS on a re-evaluation of the long term influence of the Ground Nuts Scheme in southern Tanzania); Tracy Denison to the Postan Award (her research at Downing College Cambridge tackles the extent of commerce and the land market within Russian serfdom via a detailed case study); James Walker to the Power Fellowship (for his work at LSE on the decline of the British motor industry: product design, advertising and gender); and Christopher Beauchamp to the Anniversary Fellowship (for his investigation of the institutional and legal framework constituting the politics of the telephone industry in Britain and the US. He is currently based at Trinity Hall, Cambridge). A full report giving further details of the research projects of the Fellows will appear in a future issue of the newsletter.

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The JSTOR Arts & Sciences 2 collection is now complete and contains 122 titles, including the *Economic History Review*. Members are asked to encourage their institutions to subscribe. Not only will this ensure that they, their colleagues and their students have electronic access to the *Review* from 1927 but it will also increase the income to the Society from JSTOR.

We are pleased to report that funding has been secured from the ESRC, for the fifth consecutive year, for the Society's residential training course for postgraduate students. The course, organised by Professor Jim Tomlinson, will take place on 4-7 December 2003 at Chancellors, the residential conference centre at the University of Manchester. Further information can be found on page 14 of this publication. Please make sure that the course is well publicised and that eligible candidates are encouraged to apply.

The Society has made nominations to several of the ESRC Boards; the outcome will be announced in a future issue of the newsletter. An Interim Postgraduate Research Recognition Exercise is currently underway at the ESRC; the deadline for applications is 5 September 2003. Pat Hudson will chair the Economic and Social History Panel. Further information can be found on the ESRC website: [http://www.esrc.ac.uk/esrccontent/postgradfunding/RECOGNITION\\_EXERCISES.asp](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/esrccontent/postgradfunding/RECOGNITION_EXERCISES.asp)

The AHRB Review of Postgraduate Training – to which the Society contributed – can be found at: <http://www.ahrb.ac.uk/strategy/>

*Great Expectations: the Social Sciences in Britain* – the report of the Rhind Commission on the state of the social sciences in the UK – can be found at: [www.soc.surrey.ac.uk/~scs1ng/C.Univ-Gt.Expectations.pdf](http://www.soc.surrey.ac.uk/~scs1ng/C.Univ-Gt.Expectations.pdf)

Several responses to the White Paper: The Future of Higher Education have appeared including:

Universities UK: [www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/mediareleases/show.asp?p=1&MR=345](http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/mediareleases/show.asp?p=1&MR=345)  
AHRB: [www.ahrb.ac.uk/news/news\\_pr/2003/ahrb\\_response\\_to\\_the\\_white\\_paper\\_on\\_the\\_future\\_of\\_higher\\_education.asp](http://www.ahrb.ac.uk/news/news_pr/2003/ahrb_response_to_the_white_paper_on_the_future_of_higher_education.asp)

EHS: [www.ehs.org.uk/othercontent/EHSResponsetoWhitePaperonFutureofHE2003.doc](http://www.ehs.org.uk/othercontent/EHSResponsetoWhitePaperonFutureofHE2003.doc)

Finally, further publishers' discounts have been negotiated on behalf of members of the Society; information can be found on page 8 of this publication.

*Pat Hudson*  
May 2003

## ELECTION OF THE SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT

The term of the Society's President – Professor Pat Hudson – will end at the 2004 Annual General Meeting, which will take place on 3 April at Royal Holloway. You are invited to suggest nominations for the presidency (by 8 August 2003). Suggestions may be made to the following, who are either members of Council, or invited – on an ex-officio basis – to attend meetings of Council.

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## ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY *STUDIES IN HISTORY*

The Royal Historical Society's *Studies in History* has established itself as one of the leading outlets for specialist historical monographs. The series, originally established by Sir Geoffrey Elton, was relaunched in 1995, and the editorial board is now seeking to extend further its range of methodological approaches, chronological periods and geographical areas. The Economic History Society, a sponsor of the series, has been represented on the Editorial Board since 2002 and has now been joined by a representative from *Past and Present*.

The series seeks to publish the first monographs of outstanding historians. These are usually based on the author's doctoral dissertation, appropriately revised for publication, and the series is notable in that authors work closely with a designated member of the Editorial Board on the revision process, and with the Executive Editor of the series on production and presentation issues. This means that first time authors are provided with the kind of academic and editorial support that is not normally available from commercial publishers, helping the series volumes to maintain the highest academic and literary quality.

The Society is currently committed to the publication of six volumes per annum. Volumes are widely available through normal commercial channels, as well as through the provision of special book offers to members of the Royal Historical Society and the Economic History Society.

Supervisors and graduate students in economic and social history are strongly encouraged to consider the possibility of publishing good doctoral dissertations through this channel. While it must be recognised that the monograph form is not necessarily suitable for some economic history dissertations, there are many for which the series can provide a valuable opportunity. The Editorial Board is always willing to advise potential authors (and supervisors) on the submission of proposals, which would normally consist of a copy of the doctoral dissertation along with a draft synopsis for proposed revisions, and, if available, a copy of the examiners' reports. The series length is 90,000 words inclusive of all scholarly apparatus, and this should be borne in mind in indicating revisions.

Prospective authors, or their supervisors, should contact Janet Hunter – the Society's RHS series representative – for further discussion and information. E-mail: [j.e.hunter@lse.ac.uk](mailto:j.e.hunter@lse.ac.uk)

*Janet Hunter*

## ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY WEBSITE EHS.ORG.UK

The Society's newly designed and updated website – **ehs.org.uk** – was launched at the recent annual conference in Durham and is now fully in operation, using the same address (URL) as the old site but with greatly increased functionality and, hopefully, utility for members. The following instructions detail how you can register to use the new site. First, a brief note on the facilities offered and the opportunities for you to participate and thereby contribute to making **ehs.org.uk** the website of choice for economic and social historians.

### *Facilities offered by the new site*

1. The principal sections of the site are navigable via the left-hand column with the centre screen containing the textual content of each page, and the right-hand column containing – depending on the page in question – tools such as a Calendar, certain Quick Menus etc to ease navigation through the site.
2. We particularly draw your attention to the section called Specialist Groups, the Bulletin Board facility and the new ways of connecting to the electronic versions of the *Economic History Review* back to its inception in 1927. We hope that members will consider becoming a Cluster Editor of a Specialist Group, that the Bulletin Board will become an important virtual forum for extended topical discussions amongst the membership, and that you will find the new ways of accessing the *Review* helpful for your teaching and research.
3. Please note that page content is currently low but is being developed as fast as we are able. How the site develops in content and functionality is now very much up to you, so please register at the site; get involved; and please draw attention to the new site within the various communities of which you are a part.

### *Registration instructions for members of the Society*

1. To use all of the site, i.e. the members' only pages as well as the open access pages, it is necessary first to register. Before doing so you will need your customer ID which is printed on the top left-hand corner of the address label of your copy of the *Economic History Review*. If you do not have a label to hand please email Maureen Galbraith – [ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk](mailto:ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk) – who will be happy to provide your ID number.

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2. Once so equipped, go to the new website – **ehs.org.uk** – and:
  - a. Select **Site Registration** from the *Quick Menu* (in the right-hand column of the home page).
  - b. Follow the **How to Register** instructions with respect to Customer number, Customer ID and Password. Please also register to use the Bulletin Board. Hereafter, you will need your Customer ID and Password to sign-in to the new site. Your password can be changed at a subsequent date.
  - c. Once you are signed-in, select **Membership Directory** from the *Quick Menu*, then **Update your details** from the *Membership Menu*. Please fill in your details, especially institutional affiliation, email and home page addresses and research details. Please note that these details are separate from your subscription details (for example, you may have your *Review* sent to your home address but not want that displayed in the membership directory). Members of the Society will then be able to search for individuals by name, institution and research interests. Don't forget to save any changes made to your details.
  - d. You now have access to all of the site, and in future when you load **ehs.org.uk** you will need first to sign-in (use the **Quick sign-in** located in the top right-hand corner of the home page).

*Roger Middleton*

EHS Web Editor

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## **ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY PUBLISHER DISCOUNTS**

The Society has negotiated for its members discounts on a number of publications, from a variety of publishers, including: Blackwell Publishing, Boydell & Brewer, Cambridge University Press, and the Royal Historical Society. Members will be required to complete and return an order form to the appropriate publisher.

Information on the volumes available and order forms can be found on the members' only section of the Society's website – ehs.org.uk – or by contacting Maureen Galbraith (whose contact details can be found on the inside back cover of this publication).

**ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
2 – 4 APRIL 2004 • ROYAL HOLLOWAY  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

**CALL FOR ACADEMIC PAPERS**

The 2004 annual conference of the Economic History Society will be hosted by Royal Holloway, University of London from 2 to 4 April at its Egham Campus.

The Conference Committee welcomes proposals on all aspects of economic and social history covering a wide range of periods and countries, and particularly welcomes papers of an interdisciplinary nature.

The committee invites proposals for individual papers, as well as for entire sessions (3-4 speakers, 1.5 hours duration). The latter should include proposals and synopses for each paper in the session, although the committee reserves the right to determine which papers will be presented in the session if it is accepted. If a session is not accepted, the committee may incorporate one or more of the proposed papers into other panels.

For each proposed paper, please send (preferably by email) a brief c.v. and a short abstract of 400-500 words to:

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Economic History Society  
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4 University Gardens  
Glasgow G12 8QQ  
Scotland, UK.  
E-mail: [ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk](mailto:ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk)

For full consideration, proposals must be received by 26 September 2003. Notices of acceptance will be sent to individual paper givers by 14 November 2003.

It is the normal expectation that speakers who submit a proposal for a paper to the Conference Committee should be able to obtain independent financial support for their travel and conference attendance. However, a very limited support fund exists to assist overseas speakers who are unable to obtain funding from their own institution or from another source. Details of this fund and an application form can be obtained from the Society's administrative secretary, Maureen Galbraith ([ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk](mailto:ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk)). It is important that a completed application form is included with the paper proposal and the brief c.v. which are submitted to the conference committee for the September deadline. Only in exceptional circumstances will later applications for support be considered.

**ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
2 – 4 APRIL 2004 • ROYAL HOLLOWAY  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

**CALL FOR NEW RESEARCHERS' PAPERS**

The 2004 annual conference of the Economic History Society will be hosted by Royal Holloway, University of London from 2 to 4 April at RHUL's Egham Campus.

The conference opens with papers presented by new researchers. The session offers those completing doctorates, or having recently completed a doctorate, the opportunity to present their work before professional colleagues and to benefit from informed comment.

The session will be held on the afternoon of Friday, 2 April 2004. Those wishing to be considered for inclusion in the programme at Royal Holloway must submit a synopsis by 26 September 2003. This should provide a firm title, a succinct summary of the principal themes and research methods of the paper, and an outline of research findings or conclusions.

The synopsis should be of not more than 500 words. It must be accompanied by a clear statement of the stage and status of the research, intended date for submission of thesis, and a statement of support from the supervisor. Please note that proposals from researchers at an early stage of their work will not normally be accepted.

Those selected for inclusion in the programme will be asked to submit a paper, not exceeding 2500 words, by 5 January 2004 for publication in the Conference booklet. Each new researcher will have the opportunity to speak for twenty minutes, followed by ten minutes of discussion. The student's supervisor will normally be expected to chair the session. A prize of £250 will be awarded for the best paper presented at the Conference by a new researcher.

The Economic History Society is able to offer limited financial support to enable new researchers to attend the Conference when this is not available from their institution.

Synopses and any enquiries should be directed (preferably by email) to:

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**WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF THE ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY  
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL WORKSHOP  
7 – 8 NOVEMBER 2003 • INSTITUTE OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH  
INFORMATION AND SOCIAL KNOWLEDGE: FROM GOSSIP TO THE INTERNET**

This workshop brings together social and economic historians, historians of science and technology and social scientists to explore the various applications of the concept of information in historical studies and discuss the ways in which attention to people's access to knowledge and the systems (formal and informal, human and mechanical) for its transmission can help us to understand social order and economic action. We are reminded daily that we are experiencing an 'information revolution', that since the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century we have been living in an 'information society' and that in the 21<sup>st</sup> our children will have to find their place in a 'knowledge society'. Accounts of this purported epochal shift in the social functions of information focus on the dialectic between a growing demand for specific knowledges and the development of uniquely powerful and dynamic technologies for generating, storing and communicating data. The social and imaginative impacts of digital and computer technologies have been described in terms of actual transformations in the labour process and the conditions of economic life, and a potential for radically new kinds of relationships among individuals, between individuals and society, and between human and machine. Historians have begun to test this model. They have questioned the uniqueness of our own experience in the light of evidence for earlier 'information revolutions'. At the same time the understanding of information and knowledge as commodities, tools or social goods whose transmission is central to social production and reproduction, and the associated concepts of information networks, systems and regimes, have been adopted in historical studies whose objects range from material culture to imperial governance. The underlying questions of who gets to know what, and how, and how this affects the way life is lived, remain pressing ones for both economic theory and historical explanation.

The gender politics of information and knowledge constitute a common theme of the workshop. Topics include early-modern credit networks, 19<sup>th</sup> century wealth transmission, women in the academic knowledge community, finding one's way in the modern city, rumour and survival in World War II, information technologies and political participation in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the social making of digital computing and the internet as a source of lay medical knowledge.

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Speakers include: Alison Adam/Helen Richardson (Salford), Jon Agar (Manchester/London), David Green (London), Flis Henwood/Sally Wyatt/Angie Hart (Brighton), Claire Jones (Liverpool), Sandra Mols (Manchester), Adelheid von Saldern (Hannover), Judith Spicksley (Hull), Penny Summerfield (Manchester)

The workshop will begin with a roundtable discussion on the evening of 7 November, and conclude at 4.15 p.m. on 8 November.

Further information is available from: Dr Eve Rosenhaft, School of Modern Languages, University of Liverpool, Liverpool L69 7ZR. E-mail: dan85@liv.ac.uk  
Website: [www.ehs.org.uk/society/women.asp](http://www.ehs.org.uk/society/women.asp)



## **SOCIAL HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 8 – 10 JANUARY 2004 • UNIVERSITY OF ROUEN**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

From 2004, the Social History Society will change the format of its annual conference. Instead of a single theme for each conference, it is introducing thematic strands which will run through successive annual conferences. This change will parallel the publication, from 2004 on, of the Society's new journal: *Cultural and Social History*.

This call encourages proposals for papers promoting wide-ranging discussions of the present state and future of cultural and social history, reflecting exciting new developments in the Society's history. Papers will be considered for publication in *Cultural and Social History*. Proposals are welcomed from scholars interested in reflecting on policy and practice in social and cultural history, including those with backgrounds in cultural studies, history of art and the visual arts, literary studies, law and criminology, anthropology and the social sciences in general.

The six thematic strands are as follows. For further information please contact the strand organisers:

- Cultures and Identities (Shani D'Cruze: [shani@d-cruze.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:shani@d-cruze.freereserve.co.uk))
- Self and Society (Lauren Kassel: [ltk21@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ltk21@cam.ac.uk))
- Life Styles and Life Courses (Mary Clare Martin: [mc-martin@talk21.com](mailto:mc-martin@talk21.com))
- Deviance, Inclusion and Exclusion (David Nash: [dsnash@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:dsnash@brookes.ac.uk))
- Production and Consumption (Barry Doyle: [Barry.Doyle@tees.ac.uk](mailto:Barry.Doyle@tees.ac.uk))
- Cultural Mapping and Transnational Exchanges  
(David Hopkins: [DMH@arts.gla.ac.uk](mailto:DMH@arts.gla.ac.uk))

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See also the Society's website – <http://sochist.ntu.ac.uk> – which includes more detailed calls for each strand or contact the Society's Secretary, Dr Judith Rowbotham. E-mail: [Judith.Rowbotham@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:Judith.Rowbotham@ntu.ac.uk)

Proposals are invited for papers in any historical context, period or culture. They should consist of title and abstract (around 350 words; no more than a side of A4). Proposals from postgraduate students are particularly welcomed. Submission of sessions or panels of three related papers (plus chair, if desired) are encouraged, and especially those for panels which would signal engagement between historians working on different historical periods, or panels exploring links between history and other disciplines. Suggestions for alternative forums of debate are also invited. The deadline for submissions is 10 September 2003. Successful applicants will be notified in early October.

Abstracts should be sent to: Mrs Linda Persson, Administrative Secretary, SHS, University of Lancaster, Bailrigg, Lancaster LA1 4YG. Tel: 01524 592605 Fax: 01524 846102 E-mail: [l.persson@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:l.persson@lancaster.ac.uk)

Proposers are encouraged to indicate the strand(s) they feel most appropriate for their papers, but the ultimate decision will be made by the conference committee. Further information on the conference can be found on the website of the Social History Society: <http://sochist.ntu.ac.uk>



**PASOLD RESEARCH FUND CONFERENCE**  
**23 OCTOBER 2004 • UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM**  
**BUSINESS NETWORKS IN TEXTILE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS**

The theme of this conference ties in closely with research interests at the University of Nottingham. As with other conferences organised by the Pasold Research Fund, the aim is to draw together groups with interests in textiles who might not necessarily meet. One of the current priorities of the East Midlands Development Agency is industrial clusters and so it is hoped that this theme will bring together historians and business people in an imaginative way.

Programme, costs and full details are available from: Dr Mary B Rose, The Director, Pasold Research Fund, Department of Economics, Management School, University of Lancaster, Lancaster LA1 4YX. E-mail: [m.rose@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:m.rose@lancaster.ac.uk)

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## **RESIDENTIAL TRAINING COURSE FOR PHD STUDENTS IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY 4 – 7 DECEMBER 2003 • UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER**

With generous support from the ESRC, the Economic History Society offers 12 funded places on an intensive residential course designed to raise the quality and analytical rigour of doctoral dissertations in economic and social history; improve the communication skills of postgraduates; widen their approach to their subjects; and encourage them to form networks with established scholars and fellow students in their areas of expertise.

The course is open to 12 graduate students who are currently engaged in work on a doctoral thesis on any topic in economic and social history, whether the period be modern, early modern, or medieval. Preference will be given to students who will be in their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of study in December 2003. The Society expects to recruit five academics (with recognised expertise in the field) to act as tutors on the course.

Each student will:

- provide a 1,000 word synopsis of his/her thesis;
- present a pre-circulated paper (3,000 words drawing on a chapter or section of their thesis) to the full group in a 75 minute session;
- read all papers before the conference;
- act as respondent on one paper and provide the author with written comments;
- chair a session.

Apart from the plenary sessions, there will be workshops dealing with research methods. There will also be a number of opportunities for informal discussion between participants as all are expected to be resident for the full duration of the course, from Thursday evening, 4 December to the lunch-time of Sunday, 7 December 2003. Student questionnaires will be circulated at the end of the course for evaluation, reflection, and a report to the ESRC.

The venue is Chancellors, the Residential Conference Centre of the University of Manchester, Fallowfield, Manchester.

Students are expected to apply to their departments (in the first instance) for their travel costs. Other costs will be met by the Society.

An application form can be downloaded from the Society's website – [www.ehs.org.uk](http://www.ehs.org.uk) – or is available from: Mrs Maureen Galbraith, Administrative Secretary, Economic History Society, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Glasgow, 4 University Gardens, Glasgow G12 8QQ. Tel: 0141 330 4662 Fax: 0141 330 4889 E-mail: [ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk](mailto:ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk)

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The deadline for applications is 11 July 2003.

Other important dates:

15/8/03	Notification to candidates of the outcome of their application
31/10/03	Submission of synopses and papers for circulation
14/11/03	Receipt of papers
4/12/03	Arrival in Manchester
5/1/04	Respondents send comments on papers



**PASOLD RESEARCH FUND CONFERENCE**  
**27 SEPTEMBER 2003 • NATIONAL MOUNTAINEERING EXHIBITION**  
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This conference provides a unique opportunity to explore the development of clothing and equipment for mountaineering and exploration with historians, conservators, designers, testers and users. It will appeal to all with an interest in the history of mountaineering, leisure and exploration, of textiles and clothing, the development of branding and to those in the outdoor trade.

Sessions include:

- The Battle for the Breathables: Clothing for mountaineering through time (Mary Rose, University of Lancaster and Mike Parsons, KIMM)
- Mallory Artefacts: Conservation, objects and mountaineers (Mary Brooks, Textile Conservation Centre, University of Southampton)
- Footwear for Polar Expeditions before 1920 (Barbara F Schweger, University of Alberta)
- She and Ski: The Development of Women's Ski Outfits, 1900-1930 (Lucy Johnstone, Victoria and Albert Museum)
- Polar Exploration: an overview (Dr Bob Headland, Scott Polar Research Institute)
- Contemporary design and performance clothing for outdoor sport [Panel: Derryk Draper (editor *World Sport Active Wear*), Jane McCann (University of Derby), Dave Brook (Performance Clothing Research Unit, University of Leeds), Ken Ledward (K.L.E.T.S., Ken Ledward Testing Service)]
- Keynote Speaker (to be announced)

Programme, costs and full details are available from: Dr Mary B Rose, The Director, Pasold Research Fund, Department of Economics, Management School, University of Lancaster, Lancaster LA1 4YX. E-mail: m.rose@lancaster.ac.uk

## **IMMIGRATION, HISTORY AND MEMORY IN BRITAIN 6 – 7 SEPTEMBER 2003 • DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY**

It has long been acknowledged that British history cannot be exclusively constructed from the histories of the white ethnic groups traditionally perceived to make up the British Isles. History in Britain, as in most nations, is a mosaic of different interpretations and experiences, of indigenous histories intertwined with the story of immigration and the development of migrant communities. This conference seeks to explore the meeting points between these tales of immigration and British history more generally, firmly writing the immigrant minority experience into the broader sweep of British historiography.

The conference brings together work produced by researchers from Europe and North America, addressing the following themes:

- Official Histories and Racism in Britain
- Remembering and Forgetting
- Spatial Memories and Home
- History from Below
- Hidden Histories
- Representations and Perceptions
- Exile

A range of groups will be examined, including West Indian, Jewish, Italian, Hungarian and Irish.

Further information and booking forms are available from: Margaret Barton or Lucy Norman, Conferences & Short Courses, De Montfort Expertise, The Innovation Centre, Oxford Street, Leicester, LE1 5XY. Tel: 0116 257 7377 E-mail: dmccc@dmu.ac.uk

Questions on the academic organisation of the conference should be directed to: Kathy Burrell, Department of Social & Cultural Studies, De Montfort University, Polhill Avenue, Bedford, MK41 9EA. Tel: 01234 793126 E-mail: KBurrell@dmu.ac.uk – or – Panikos Panayi, School of Historical & International Studies, De Montfort University, The Gateway, Leicester, LE1 9BH, Tel: 0116 207 8681 E-mail: ppanayi@dmu.ac.uk

Updated details of the conference – including a booking form and programme – will be posted on the conference website at: [www.dmu.ac.uk/humanities/news/newsindex.jsp](http://www.dmu.ac.uk/humanities/news/newsindex.jsp)

## **CROSTOWN TRAFFIC: ANGLO-AMERICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE SINCE 1865**

**4 – 6 JULY 2004 • UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

An interdisciplinary conference, co-sponsored by the North American Conference on British Studies, The Royal Historical Society and the British Association for American Studies, will take place 4-6 July 2004 at the University of Warwick on the theme: 'Crosstown Traffic: Anglo American Cultural Exchange since 1865'.

Much has been written about the 'special relationship' between Britain and the United States on the level of high politics and diplomacy. Rather less, however, has been written about the presumed existence of a shared, common culture – a culture that has, since the American Civil War, been actively cultivated and promoted as a way of cementing that 'special relationship'. Still less, perhaps, has been written about the equally important cross-fertilisation that has taken place in the realm of the popular cultures of the two nations. This conference proposes a wide-ranging enquiry into the cultural manifestations of the 'special relationship' and into the transatlantic traffic in culture styles, attitudes and motifs between Britain and the United States since the late nineteenth century.

Paper and panel proposals will be considered that address the multiplicity of exchanges that have developed between the two nations – both in the realm of specific media (fashion, film, literature and music, for example), and more generally in the cultures of consumption and popular politics. The conference will focus on the traffic in culture that has taken place across the Atlantic and in both directions. It will pay particular attention to the social differences which influenced the definition and purchase of 'the popular' in the two countries, and to those differences in racial attitudes which at first divided and then creatively brought the two cultures closer together.

The conference organisers are: Marybeth Hamilton (Birkbeck College, London), Peter Mandler (Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge) and Chris Waters (Williams College, Massachusetts).

Proposals are invited for individual 30-minute presentations or full panels. Please send a 250 word synopsis and a one-page c.v. to: Dr Chris Waters, Williams College Oxford Programme, 145 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7AN. Tel/Fax: 01865 512345 E-mail: cwaters@williams.edu

The deadline for submissions is 1 October 2003.

## SEVENTH EUROPEAN URBAN HISTORY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 27 – 30 OCTOBER 2004 • ATHENS-PIRAEUS

### SESSION ON: CONSTRUCTING URBAN MEMORIES: THE ROLE OF ORAL TESTIMONY

Oral testimony is one of the most valuable but challenging sources for the study of urban history in the 20th and 21st centuries. It allows us to access knowledge and experience that is both unavailable to historians of earlier periods, and inaccessible through contemporary documentary sources. It can offer insights and perspectives that enhance and sometimes force us to re-examine ‘official’ histories, and our own approaches to urban historical research. And it enables us to understand something of the nature of memory itself – of how people construct their own versions of the urban experience, and try to ‘make sense’ of the past.

The collection of oral testimony involves more than simply putting a microphone in front of someone and inviting them to ‘talk.’ Analysis of the testimony itself needs to be informed by an understanding of the class, gender and cultural factors that may distort or liberate individual ‘voices’ during the interview process.

A major session of the 7th European Urban History Conference in Athens will be devoted to oral histories of the city, and the organisers invite paper proposals on issues such as:

- the role of oral testimony in challenging or revealing urban ‘myths’;
- the construction of cognitive maps of the city;
- personal and communal responses to managed urban change (such as slum clearance schemes or neighbourhood regeneration programmes);
- the impact of new migration on perceptions of the city and interpretations of its past history;
- methodological issues in the collection and interpretation of oral testimony for urban historical research.

Proposals from younger scholars are particularly welcome, and for doctoral candidates there is a limited number of bursaries available to cover the registration fee for the conference. If you wish to present a paper please send, by 1 October 2003, a one-page proposal to the session organisers:

Professor Richard Rodger and Cynthia Brown, East Midlands Oral History Archive, Centre for Urban History, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH, UK. Tel: +44 (0)116 252 5065 E-mail: [emoha@le.ac.uk](mailto:emoha@le.ac.uk) Website: <http://www.le.ac.uk/ur/conf.html#october>

Further details of the Conference can be found at: <http://www.le.ac.uk/urbanhist/urbanconf/athens.html>

## **FIFTH WORLD CONGRESS OF CLIOMETRICS 8 – 11 JULY 2004 • VENICE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

The Fifth World Congress of Cliometrics will be held 8-11 July 2004, at Venice International University, Venice, Italy. A call for papers will be issued later this year. The Programme Committee will put together an international programme from the proposals sent by applicants to the conference. The programme will be posted on the Cliometric Society website early in 2004.

The Conference will be held on the island of San Servolo, Venice, in the premises of Venice International University (VIU). The latter is a joint venture of six universities (Autonoma de Barcelona, Duke, LMU Munich, Tel Aviv, Waseda (Tokyo), Venice Architecture and Venice Ca'Foscari) with the Province of Venice and the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Venezia. The island, only seven minutes by boat from St. Mark's Square, consists of 11 acres of park, a beautifully restored 16th-century Benedictine convent and various residences. Please visit the VIU website – <http://www.viu.unive.it> – for additional information and pictures.

All members of sponsoring organisations will be invited to attend. Registration will be open but conducted in advance through the office of the Conference Secretary. As with the Annual Cliometrics Conference and the previous World Congresses, papers will be published in the Congress Book, and participants will receive a copy of the Book in advance. Also, sessions will be held in the traditional Cliometrics Conference format: instead of formal presentations, authors will provide a brief introduction to their work, followed by an extended period of discussion involving all session participants. Thus, participants will be expected to read the papers prior to the Congress.

- Participants will be expected to pay for their own expenses to the conference and for the registration fee. Travel and lodging grants for graduate students and some international scholars from lesser-developed countries that otherwise cannot afford to attend will be available. Applications for travel grants will be considered as part of the application process for the conference.
- Room and board at the Conference site will be included in a package deal; however, the Conference site has a limited number of rooms available. Preference will be given to authors of the papers selected for presentation. Depending on the number of registrants and the availability of rooms, some registrants may have to make their own reservations in Venice.
- Complete information about registration and lodging and the Congress Registration Form will shortly be announced on the Cliometric Society website ([www.eh.net/Clio/](http://www.eh.net/Clio/)).
- The sponsoring organisations include the Cliometric Society, the European Historical Economics Society, the Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand, and the Canadian Network for Economic History. The organising and programme committees consist of: Lee Craig, Price Fishback, Albrecht Ritschl, and Gianni Toniolo.

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## EUROPEAN GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR TRAINING IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH THE 2003/4 ADVANCED SEMINAR PROGRAMME

The 2003/4 advanced seminar programme is as follows:

8-13 November 2003 • Tampere, Finland  
Organiser: Professor Riitta Hjerpe (Helsinki)  
*Research Design Course*

12-16 November 2003 • Tampere, Finland  
Organiser: Professor Marjatta Hietala (Tampere)  
*Infrastructure, environment and urban culture: industrial and post-industrial societies*

30 March-2 April 2004 • Frankfurt, Germany  
Organiser: Professor Helga Schultz (European University Viadrina Frankfurt [0])  
*Borders, frontiers and border-regions in history*

5-8 April 2004 • Frankfurt, Germany  
Organiser: Professor Helder Adegar Fonseca (Évora)  
*Education and social mobility in Europe: historical approaches (18-20th centuries)*

Further information can be found at: [www.kun.nl/ester](http://www.kun.nl/ester)

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### ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY TRAVEL GRANTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Economic History Society will consider applications for grants – normally of up to £250 – to assist postgraduate students in United Kingdom colleges and universities with travel expenses incurred in the undertaking of research into any aspect of economic and social history. Applications should be made, supported by a supervisor's statement, to the administrative secretary. Information concerning any attempts to obtain matching support from other sources should be submitted.

Applications, which may be submitted at any time, will be considered by the Society's Awards Committee as soon as possible after 1 February and 30 June each year. An application form is available by following the links from the 'Grants, Awards and Prizes' section of the Society's website – [www.ehs.org.uk](http://www.ehs.org.uk) – or from Mrs Maureen Galbraith (whose contact details can be found in the inside back cover of this publication).

## **ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY FACILITY GRANTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROJECTS**

The Society will consider applications for small grants, not normally over £150, to assist undergraduate students with expenses incurred in the preparation of economic and social history projects for final degree examinations in United Kingdom colleges and universities. Applications should be made by students, through supervisors, advisers or tutors, to the administrative secretary, who can be contacted as indicated on the inside back cover of this publication. The application, and supervisor's statement of support, should clearly indicate how the research relates to economic and/or social history.

Further information may be obtained from the administrative secretary. There is no application form. Requests, supported by a supervisor's letter, should indicate the nature and proposed title of the project, the extent of its contribution to final degree classification, and details of anticipated expenditure and of the need for that expenditure. Applications may be submitted at any time.



## **PHD STUDENTSHIP IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER**

Applicants are sought for a fully-funded PhD studentship on any aspect of occupational and environmental health in the south-east Lancashire cotton textiles district between the 1780s and 1900. The studentship is provided by the British Cotton Growers' Association and will be tenable from September 2003. The award covers tuition fees together with a stipend of approximately £8000 per annum. Additional research travel funds of up to £500 per annum are also available. The award is tenable for one year in the first instance, renewable for up to a further two years subject to satisfactory progress. The successful applicant will be expected to conform to the normal supervisory and research-training arrangements of the Department of History at the University of Manchester.

For further particulars please contact Dr Peter Kirby, Tel: 0161 275 3111  
E-mail: [peter.kirby@man.ac.uk](mailto:peter.kirby@man.ac.uk)

Written enquiries may be directed to: The Research Secretary, Department of History, School of History and Classics, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL. Tel: 0161 275 3104.

## **ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY INITIATIVES AND CONFERENCE FUND**

The Economic History Society maintains a fund to encourage otherwise unfunded workshops, special meetings and other interesting initiatives in economic and social history. Activities which might encourage wider participation in the Society, in research (especially by those who are not full-time university academics) or generate research articles for submission to the *Review* may be particularly eligible for support from the Fund. The Society is especially keen to encourage one-day workshops which might provide sessions at the annual conference or articles for the *Review*.

The Society will not make grants from the fund for more than £1,000 (£500 for a one-day workshop). Whatever the sum granted, there must be a specific prominent acknowledgement of the Society's support in any publicity, meeting materials or publications. Any events held with support from the fund must be open equally to all interested economic and social historians. Successful applicants will be encouraged to propose papers or sessions at the Society's annual conference.

Questions concerning the objectives and criteria of the fund should be directed to the Honorary Secretary. Applications, which may be submitted to the administrative secretary at any time, will be considered by the Society's Awards Committee as soon as possible after 1 February and 30 June each year. An application form is available by following the links from the 'Grants, Awards and Prizes' section of the Society's website – [www.ehs.org.uk](http://www.ehs.org.uk) – or from Mrs Maureen Galbraith



## **THE FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAMME**

The Fulbright Scholar Programme is offering a number of lecturing, research, and lecturing/research awards in Economics for the 2004-2005 academic year. Awards for both faculty and professionals range from two months to an academic year.

While many awards specify project and host institution, there are 153 open "All Disciplines" awards that allow candidates to propose their own project and determine their host institution affiliation. Foreign language skills are needed in some countries, but most Fulbright lecturing assignments are in English. The deadline for applications is 1 August 2003.

Further information is available from: The Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden Street, N.W. - Suite 5L, Washington, D.C. 20008, USA. E-mail: [request@cies.iie.org](mailto:request@cies.iie.org) Website: [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org)

**OBITUARY****H.J. HABAKKUK**

I felt a great loss when I heard of Sir John Habakkuk's death last November. I was not a close friend – more an intellectual grandchild. The line of descent ran through Patrick O'Brien, who was Habakkuk's student in the 1950s and my sponsor when I spent 1980-1 at St. Antony's College. I was beginning research on English agricultural history, and O'Brien introduced me to Habakkuk. He began by asking me which families I was studying, and when I answered "none at the moment" still found it worthwhile to talk to me. He convinced me to broaden my scope. He invited me to dine with him at Jesus College, and we spent pleasant evenings in his lodgings discussing landed property in Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire. He brought out boxes of notes on the leading families, and we would pick through them, tracing the ways in which they built up their estates. These discussions were tremendously stimulating, and I am grateful for them. I was not alone in receiving his interest, and this encouragement to younger scholars was one of his great, and easily overlooked, contributions to our profession. It produced at least three professors of economic history since the war.

Habakkuk's career was illustrious. He was educated at the Barry Grammar School in Glamorgan, won a scholarship to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he received a first in history. He was a fellow of Pembroke College in the late 1930s and served in the Foreign Office during the second world war. In 1950, at the age of 35, he was elected Chichele Professor of Economic History at Oxford. He held the chair until he was elected Principal of Jesus College, Oxford, in 1967. He remained Principal until his retirement in 1984. He also served as the University's Vice Chancellor from 1973 to 1977.

Habakkuk received numerous awards and distinctions. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1965, and President of the Royal Historical Society, 1976-80. He was a member of the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1976, he was knighted.

Habakkuk made many contributions to the economic history profession as a whole. He served as assistant editor of the *Economic History Review* under Postan from 1946 to 1950. When he got his chair at Oxford, he was promoted to co-editor along with Postan. They served together until 1960. Postan and Habakkuk also edited the volumes of the *Cambridge Economic History of Europe* dealing with the Industrial Revolution. We all owe Habakkuk a great debt for sustaining the infrastructure of research in our field.

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To economic historians, however, Habakkuk's reputation was based on his scholarly achievements. They lay in three areas. The first was demography. In the 1950s, population growth emerged as an explanation of underdevelopment and, consequently, was a concern of western policy makers. This was the era in which Arthur Lewis proposed his model of "economic development with unlimited supplies of labour" and J.D. Chambers traced the origins of the English proletariat to population growth rather than enclosure. In a series of penetrating articles, Habakkuk examined the causes and consequences of Britain's population growth after 1750. In his 1971 book *Population Growth and Economic Development since 1750*, Habakkuk used English population as a springboard for understanding population issues in the developing world.

Habakkuk's approach to demography was driven by a theoretical vision. With characteristic lucidity, he applied a Malthusian preventive check model to the problem and concluded that it was rapid economic expansion that increased economic opportunities, which, in turn, raised fertility and caused the growth of the population after 1750. The argument is supported by a close analysis of published demographic material rather than by an accumulation of new evidence. The clarity of the analysis is still compelling. There was, nonetheless, a tentative quality to the argument, for Habakkuk noted that firm conclusions will be reached "only when the evidence of the parish registers has been more systematically analysed." This great task has been accomplished by Tony Wrigley and Roger Schofield, who, along with Ronald Lee, sustained the Malthusian interpretation that Habakkuk glimpsed in the 1950s.

The second area on which Habakkuk worked was the history of technology, and here his contribution was explosive and long lasting. His great work was his 1962 book *American and British Technology in the Nineteenth Century: The Search for Labour-Saving Inventions*. In starkest terms, Habakkuk argued that the abundance of land in America led to a high wage, which, in turn, induced American businesses to use more capital intensive methods than their British competitors. In the longer term, the high wage also led the Americans to invent new, labour saving technology that extended their advantage and raised their wages further above their European competitors.

The book was a great success, in part, because it sought to provide a historical explanation for one of the great facts of the twentieth century – the emergence of American economic pre-eminence. It also came at an opportune time in the history of economics. While Habakkuk's argument was developed clearly, the reasoning was

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entirely verbal – neither statistics nor graphs (let alone algebra) were used. Econometricians, however, were developing production functions that allowed the bias of technical change to be measured. Theorists were developing general equilibrium models that allowed the effects of land abundance on the wage rate to be simulated. A talented group of New Economic Historians were applying such techniques to many historical problems. Habakkuk's views provided a fertile field for the application of these methods: it is a testimonial to the power of Habakkuk's ideas that Paul David and Peter Temin spent several years elucidating the theoretical and mathematical implications of labour scarcity, and many other historians have explored the empirical foundations of the Habakkuk interpretation of American technology.

It is also impressive how much of Habakkuk's analysis has been sustained by this collective investigation. In his investigation of America's twentieth century industrial success, Gavin Wright lays more stress than Habakkuk did on the material-using bias of American technology in the nineteenth century, but the impact of abundant natural resources on labour productivity remains the crux of the explanation. Similarly, Broadberry's inquiry into Britain's relatively low labour productivity stresses Habakkuk's themes of land abundance and high wages. Both Gavin Wright and Stephen Broadberry lay considerable stress on education, skill formation, and industrial research as they bring the story of American success to the end of the twentieth century. But Habakkuk's themes are seen as decisive for the nineteenth century pattern of technology, which set in train the twentieth century patterns of human capital formation.

The third area in which Habakkuk worked was the history of landed property in England. "English Landownership, 1680-1740" was his first article. It unites the keen logic of his other work with a formidable mastery of archival sources. He worked extensively in the late 1930s in the Bedford and Northamptonshire county record offices studying the papers of leading families to see how they accumulated their estates. As always, he was preoccupied with a central historical problem; in this case, the origin and persistence of England's characteristic system of great estates, large farms, and landless labourers. Rather than beginning with old hypotheses like enclosure, he focused on the estates of aristocratic families and the many channels by which they were enlarged – inheritance, marriage settlements, and substantial purchases as well as the acquisition of small "peasant" parcels. By focusing on all the ways of acquiring land, he could put each into perspective. This was not an easy task, it required voluminous material, and it took a lifetime. He put the subject aside

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when he studied demography and technology and during his career in administration, but it remained an interest. He returned to it in 1976-80 in his addresses to the Royal Historical Society and again in the Ford lectures at Oxford in 1985. The themes received their definitive treatment in his great work *Marriage, Debt, and the Estate System: English Landownership, 1650-1950* published in 1994.

Habakkuk's work on landed estates and the managerial strategies pursued by aristocratic families has had a lasting impact on all those who study the history of English rural society. His interpretations remain subjects of lively debate. More than that, Habakkuk led by example: he spent many years in the archives showing how estate papers could be studied, and his research is a model for those of us who have followed him.

It is difficult to study the gentry and aristocracy without taking a position on their contribution to English life and national development. Habakkuk's "Welsh radicalism" made him unsympathetic towards the large landowners, but he also felt "that many of the better features of English public life" derived from them. Once he told a story that shows the irony in his view. Miss Joan Wake was the archivist in the Northamptonshire Record Office in the 1930s. She was from an aristocratic family with an estate at Courteenhall. Indeed, the main reason that Northamptonshire has such a fine collection of estate documents is that she talked her landed friends into depositing their papers in her archive. One day when Habakkuk was researching his 1940 paper, a shabbily dressed man entered the reading room. Habakkuk took him to be a farmer. When the man asked Miss Wake a question, she berated him loudly. Habakkuk said that his radical blood boiled at this abuse of the farmers by the landed classes. Later, however, Habakkuk checked the register to see who the man was. There in bold script was his name and residence: Spencer, Althorp. Habakkuk realised that what he had seen was not how the landed classes treated their tenants, but rather how the Tory Aristocracy treated the Whig Gentry.

One of the last times I saw Habakkuk was after a lecture I gave in which I mentioned my efforts to learn Russian. Several days later, who should bound from the gate of All Souls College but Habakkuk. He greeted me in a tongue I could not fathom and carried on with it for several minutes. It turned out to be Turkish. Habakkuk explained that after World War II, he became interested in development economics and thought of studying in a developing country. So he learned Turkish. Fortunately for English history, he abandoned that project, but his command of Turkish is just one more indicator of the extraordinary talents of Sir John Habakkuk.

*Professor Robert Allen*  
*University of Oxford*

## LIVING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY

A limited number of copies remain of this collection of essays, published to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Economic History Society. In it more than 100 economic and social historians explain their interest in, and the nature of, their subject. Contributors have written to the general theme of 'What economic history means to me' or 'What economic and social history means to me'.

Most contributors trace their early influences and relate changes in the discipline to their own career path, memories and reflections. Many write of the key relationship between history and economics, particularly what historical study can bring to the discipline of economics. Others praise the broad church nature of the subject, and of the Society, emphasising the place of social history and the relationship between economic and social history and other social sciences. Several contributors write, above all, of the need for economic history to be accessible, appealing and entertaining whilst addressing big moral and social questions.

Like history itself, the essays can be read in many ways. They can be analysed in relation to their theoretical and empirical content; prosopographically, as a (possibly unique?) exercise in the collective biography of a profession; as a series of statements about the state of economic history and its links to other subjects. But, like history, they can also be approached in another way. They can simply be enjoyed, for what they are: stories, reflections and recollections, critical, speculative, entertaining, personal and human. There are Klondike spaces, Damascus roads, love affairs, unintended consequences, paths, patterns, dialogues, lives and livelihoods. We meet parachutists and truffle hunters, 'big think' and 'little think' types. From Japan to Italy via Australia, France, Spain, Finland, Germany, North America and Great Britain: an intellectual odyssey, encounters with 'poseurs', giants, explorers, martyrs, saggar makers' bottom knockers and other ordinary folk.

*Living Economic and Social History* (Economic History Society, Glasgow, pp. xvi+480, ISBN: 0-9540216-0-6). Price to members of the Economic History Society: £10 (plus £2.50 p&p). Price to other individuals and institutions: £15 (plus £2.50 p&p). NB £2.50 covers postage of up to 5 copies. Trade enquiries welcome. Cheques should be made payable to 'Economic History Society'. Payment by credit card can be arranged. Orders and enquiries may be sent to Maureen Galbraith, Living Economic and Social History, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Glasgow, 4 University Gardens, Glasgow G12 8QQ. E-mail: ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk

## A SPECIAL ISSUE OF *FEMINIST ECONOMICS* WOMEN AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH

### CALL FOR PAPERS

*Feminist Economics* invites submissions of papers, short exploratory discussions, and book reviews for a special issue on “Women and the Distribution of Wealth,” to be published in 2006. The deadline for submitting abstracts is 30 July 2003; complete manuscripts are due by 30 March 2004.

This special issue intends to document the distribution of wealth by gender and address how and why it matters. We invite scholars in all disciplines to submit work that advances our understanding of: i) the current gender distribution of wealth in the North and South; ii) the historical processes – including changes in women’s legal property rights, labour force participation, educational attainments, etc. – that generate changes in women’s access to and control over assets; and iii) the implications for women of different gender distributions of wealth.

This special issue will include historical, comparative, analytical, and policy-oriented work. While individual papers may be narrowly focused, the scope of the special issue is broadly defined to encompass work that: increases information on the distribution of wealth by gender; conceptualises how we think about and measure asset ownership, recognises that formal ownership may differ from control over assets; takes into account differences of race, ethnicity, and social class; considers wealth as a measure of bargaining power within households; examines different marital regimes and their implications in practice for married women’s property rights and those of widows, widowers and divorcees; analyses the role of inheritance in total household wealth and the gender and generational implications of different inheritance systems and practices; reviews the role of women in organising for legal and social change, including the enforcement of women’s property rights; explores how the composition of assets may change in the course of economic development (such as from physical to financial assets); investigates differences in asset ownership between rural and urban women (e.g., land versus housing); evaluates the relationship between poverty reduction and asset accumulation; analyses the role of the state in reducing (or causing) inequalities in wealth and assets both by gender and class; reviews existing public policy, including laws that govern social security and the taxation of capital gains and inheritances.

It is hoped to showcase the research in panels at the annual conferences of the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) and the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA). Queries and abstracts of proposed papers should be directed to the Guest Editors: Carmen Diana Deere (deere@econs.umass.edu) and Cheryl Doss (cheryl.doss@yale.edu). Final papers (after approval of abstracts) should be submitted to the journal editor, Diana Strassmann, and should follow the submission guidelines listed on the journal’s website: [www.feministeconomics.org](http://www.feministeconomics.org)

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