



## Editorial Note

The 2014 volume of *Ex-Historia* comprises a series of high-quality, scholarly articles from postgraduate researchers in eight universities around the United Kingdom and Ireland. Every year, *Ex-Historia* continues to grow in reputation as an open access, peer-reviewed postgraduate journal. This is evidenced by the large number of submissions we continue to attract. In addition, the *Ex-Historia* symposia series, a platform for postgraduates to present their research to peers, has also evolved. Alongside individual papers and presentations, it now regularly includes multiple speaker colloquia and workshops that showcase the ongoing scholarly activities of postgraduate students attached to the vibrant research clusters within the University of Exeter, including the Medical Humanities, Global and Imperial history, and Modern Politics and Policy. Its success is due in no small part to the enthusiasm and dedication of our Communications Officer.

This volume combines an exciting range of subject matters, from the socio-political motives of castle construction in Medieval Sussex to the influences of trade union ideologies on the emergence of the Labour Party in Northampton at the turn of the twentieth century. We are particularly pleased by diversity of methodologies on display. This year's volume incorporates historical articles from postgraduates working within other fields of the Humanities, including English and Classics. This is representative of the increasing emphasis on interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary collaboration in academia. The book reviews section also provides specialist perspectives into current debates across the field of history.

*Ex-Historia* owes everything to the hard work of all individuals involved in the journal. These include members of the Editorial Team who were involved at every stage of the review process,

the Subject Editors who lent their time and expertise during the initial internal review, and the external reviewers who gave detailed, expert, and timely feedback. Most of all, we are grateful to the contributing authors for their continued dedication to publishing their excellent articles on the *Ex-Historia* open access platform.

We hope you enjoy this informative, interesting, and insightful volume.

**Temilola Alanamu & Edward Taylor**

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