



Ex Historia PGR Conference 2025

Evolution and Exchange

Digital Humanities Seminar Room, Streatham Campus, Exeter & Online

Registration required. Please register [here](#).

12-13 May 2025

DAY 1

Monday 12th May

9.45 – 10.15 Tea & Coffee, Registration

10.15 – 10.30 Introduction

10.30 – 12.00 Panel 1: English Social Change

Chair: Amber Flood.

Tom Gayton, *Popular Allegiance and Change in Dorset's Ports in the Early Seventeenth Century (1600-1642)*

Nick Collins, *The Evolution of Daily Life in England, 1700–1850*

Eamonn Welch, *Political patronage and MP selection in Dorset, 1558–1630* / “Parish priest selection in Bridport, 1547–1600

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 15.00 Panel 2: Imperial and Global Development

Chair: Dylan McCorquodale

Shankara Angadi, *Opportunistic evolution as part of the colonisation process: the internal engines of adaptation of South-West India, 1790–1810*

Saman Abdalkarim, *An Academic Affair: Kurdish Cultural Production in South Kurdistan in the 1970s*

Ed Selkirk Ford, *‘The purest form of democracy’ or a ‘check on popular impatience’? Referendums in the fin-de-siècle British Empire*

Frederic Worthington, *A Liberal Empire on the Edge of Europe: Britain's Role in the Post-War World According to the BBC German Service (ca. 1945–1955)*

15.00 – 15.30 Break

15.30 – 16.30 Keynote Roundtable

Chair: Nick Collins

James Fisher, Mark Hailwood and Jane Whittle, *History of Work*

Evening Conference Dinner (location tbc.)

DAY 2

Tuesday 13th May

10.30 – 11.00 Tea & Coffee

11.00 – 12.30 Panel 3: English Cultural Exchange

Chair: Beatrice Steele

Tess Lavalley, *Sanctity, Superfluity, and Scribal Omission: A Middle English Recipe Collection and Transmission of Saint Charms*

Amber Flood, *Sharing Race and 'Stores of Knowledge': How the Recontextualisation of Museum Items Influenced Social Change in Provincial England (c. 1800-1870).*

Dylan McCorquodale, *Revisiting the Knights of Malta in Early Modern English Drama*

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.30 Panel 4: Breaking New Grounds

Chair: Tess Levalley

Beatrice Steele, *'How a brigade can tackle an eclipse': Norman Lockyer, the Royal Navy, and the 1900 Eclipse Expedition*

Ryan Brown, *Gunflints and their Evolution as Cultural Markers of the Exchange of Ideas Across Time and Space*

Chuanyou Zhou, *The Technological Development, the Discussion of World State, and the Theoretical Foundation of Imperial Federation*

Naomi Allen, *Can We Not Say That: Communicating New Historical Interpretations to a Change-Averse Public*

15.30 – 16.15 Keynote

Semih Çelik, *From the Ottoman World to Exeter: The Untold Story of RAMM's Natural History Collections*

16.15 – 17.30 **Reception** – Queen's Senior Common Room