



Ex Historia PGR Conference 2026

Digital Humanities Seminar Room, Streatham Campus, Exeter & Online

Registration required. Please register [here](#)

7-8 May 2026

DAY 1

Thursday, 7th May

12.00 – 13.00: Lunch

13.00 – 13.15: Introduction from Conference Organising Committee

13.15 – 14.45: Panel 1 (Chair: Tess Shaffer)

Tom Gayton, *A Tale of Two Towns: Rivalry, Governance, and Divided Allegiance in Civil War Dorset*

Dylan McCorquodale, *Comedian, Tragedian, Historian: The History Play as History in Early Modern England*

Megan Stuart, *The Reception of Saints by Enclosed Religious Women in Early Sixteenth-Century England*

14.45 – 15.15: Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.45: Panel 2 (Chair: Frederic Worthington)

Nick Collins, *The family economy, the industrious revolution, and economic change in England, 1700–1850*

Neil Howlett, *Responses to commodity supply crises then and now*

Tess Shaffer, *Negotiating Christianisation: Burial, Healing, and the Body in Early Medieval Alemannia*

18.00: Conference Dinner at Mill on the Exe (at participants' expense, registration via the link above)

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DAY 2

Friday, 8th May

10.30 – 11.00: Tea & Coffee

11.00 – 12.30: Panel 3 (Chair: Nick Collins)

Ysobel Andrews, *AI or not AI – That is the Question: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence in Oral History Practices in the Twenty-First Century*

Tess LaValley, *Untangling Snarls and Identifying Threads: Tracing Late Medieval Medical Recipe Collections Through Charm Transmission*

Frederic Worthington, *“This is Anita Lasker – A German Jew.” The Story behind the Earliest Preserved Tape-Recorded Account of a Holocaust Survivor*

12.30 – 13.30: Lunch

13.30 – 14.45: Panel 4 (Chair: Dylan McCorquodale)

Ryan Brown, *Gunflints – Indigenous gunflints in North America, the technological convergence point between the stone age and the industrial revolution?*

Zara Money, *Billingsgate Fish Market – A unique centre of maritime cultural identity*

14.45 – 15.15: Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.30: From Ex Historia to Post-PhD Life: Panel of Recent Graduates (Chair: Frederic Worthington)

Participants: Nick Collins, Kati Hayslep, Iona Ramsay

16.30 – 17.30: Reception – Queen’s Senior Common Room

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