

The Social and Economic Life of Money: From the Medieval to the Modern

Institute of Historical Research, London

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Recent research on the history of money has drawn attention to the changing use and representation of money in its social, economic and cultural contexts. In particular, the subjectivity or 'symbolism' of money has been shown to have had impacts on changing notions of individualism, gender, and morality, as well as processes of economic and social change. Yet these histories have remained firmly siloed within the separate scholarship of distinct periods.

Early modern scholarship on the social life of money has provided a means for understanding the transition from the fundamentally entwined social and economic practices of the medieval era to the supposedly-disembedded economic behaviours of the modern world. However, scholars of the medieval and modern periods have yet to examine these questions in the same depth and or with the same criticality as their early modernist counterparts, let alone ranging across periods.

Funded and organised jointly by the Social History Society and the Economic History Society, which both have a special interest in the history of money but for very different reasons, this one-day workshop will bring together scholars of the history of money in the medieval, early modern and modern periods. Our particular focus will be on the social meanings and rituals surrounding changing economic practices of payment and non-payment in each period. It is hoped that by providing a platform for further discussion and by bringing together different perspectives on the subject, new avenues of research may be revealed.

Organisers

Dr George Gosling, University of Wolverhampton gcgosling@wlv.ac.uk

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Confirmed speakers

Dr Kate Bradley, University of Kent

Prof Christopher Dyer, University of Leicester

Prof Craig Muldrew, University of Cambridge

Prof Anne Murphy, University of Hertfordshire

Dr Hannah Robb, University of Manchester

Dr Sarah Roddy, University of Manchester

£10 registration fee for non-speakers

**Spaces are limited so please contact
the organisers to RSVP**

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PROGRAMME

- 10.00 **Arrival and registration (with coffee)**
- 10.20 Welcome remarks
- 10.30 Dr George Gosling, University of Wolverhampton
On the need to think about money histories cross-discipline
- 10.45 Dr Matthew Pawelski, University of Lancaster
On the need to think about money histories cross-period
- 11.00 Q&A
- 11.10 **Coffee break**
- 11.20 Professor Christopher Dyer, University of Leicester
'Pottage for free-born Englishmen': medieval wages in money and kind
- 11.40 Dr Kate Bradley, University of Kent
Profession and pro bono: lawyers, free legal advice, and respectability, c.1920-1950
- 12.00 Q&A
- 12.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30 Dr Hannah Robb, University of Manchester
Arbitration before the Church Court: debt litigation and neighbourliness in the fifteenth century
- 13.50 Professor Anne Murphy, University of Hertfordshire
Performing public credit during the late eighteenth century
- 14.10 Q&A
- 14.40 **Coffee break**
- 15.00 Professor Craig Muldrew, University of Cambridge
Trust and the beginnings of the use of paper currency in Britain in the early eighteenth century
- 15.20 Dr Sarah Roddy, University of Manchester
Ordinary people's money: what the history of giving gives historians
- 15.40 Q&A
- 16.10 Closing roundtable: *where next?*
- 17.00 **End of workshop**