

AHRC Global Microhistory Network

A Different Point of View:

Scales, Spaces and Contexts in Histories of the Local and the Global

Conference 1: The University of Warwick –17-19 May, 2018

This conference on Global Microhistory is the first of a cycle of three conferences on new pathway of Global History. This first conference of the series is also this year's GHCC Annual Conference, and focuses on the theme of 'Scales, Space and Contexts in Histories of the Local and the Global'.

A new generation of historians challenges us to bring together two popular historical methodologies of recent decades: micro history and global history. A number of microhistories now seek to engage in the histories of places, events and individuals in a way that also captures the history of global connections as brought to life by global historians. Global historians also seek to move beyond large-scale syntheses and comparative data sets to engage closely with primary sources, philology, and local context. They too seek ways of conveying agency, individual histories, events and locality within a global framework. This cycle of conferences and museum events addresses major problems and opportunities arising in our writing about our past and in its display in museums.

'Scales, Spaces and Contexts', the first of the Global Microhistory conferences takes place at Warwick on the 17th to 19th of May, 2018. It brings together leading historians to address issues of connection and agency, local spaces, and the multiple contexts of our histories of events and individuals. Speakers include Paula Findlen, Francesca Trivellato, Jeremy Adelman and Anne Gerritsen.



*'A hat of a chief whaler', made of cedar fiber in the 18th century by 'Nootka' Indigenous people
Museum of the Americas (Madrid)*

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 17th May

5:00pm *Public Lecture*

Chair: Anne Gerritsen (Director of GHCC, University of Warwick)

‘Catholic Geographies of the Global’ Paula Findlen (Stanford University)

Comment: Susanna Burghartz (University of Basel)

6.30pm Drinks reception

Friday 18th May

Opening Welcome: Maxine Berg, John-Paul Ghobrial, Jorge Flores

9:00-11:00am *Localities*

Chair: Erica Charters (University of Oxford)

‘Localities in Global History’ Anne Gerritsen (University of Warwick)

‘Global History Now – Can we Reposition the Local?’ Jeremy Adelman (Princeton University)

Comment: Pat Hudson (University of Cardiff)

11:00am Coffee

11:30-1:00pm *Microhistory*

Chair: John-Paul Ghobrial (University of Oxford)

‘What Differences Makes a Difference? Scales of Comparison in Micro and Global History’ Francesca Trivellato (Yale University)

Comments: Giuseppe Marcocci (University of Oxford)

1:00-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-3:30pm *Geographies of the Local*

Chair: Catherine Holmes (University of Oxford)

‘Bread in Local Context’ Jan de Vries (Berkeley University)

‘Micro Spaces of the Maritime World – The Prize Papers Collection as a Source’
Dagmar Freist (University of Oldenburg)

Comment: Guido van Meersbergen (University of Warwick)

3:30-4:00pm Tea

4:00-6:00pm *Merchants and Migration*

Chair: Jorge Flores (European University Institution)

‘Migration between the Ottoman Mediterranean and Spain’ Cecilia Taruell
(University of Oxford)

‘The Voyage of the Santa Catharina’ Sebouh Aslanian (UCLA)

‘Commercial Trials and Commercial Litigation in the Eighteenth-Century
Mediterranean’ Guillaume Calafat (Paris 1 and IAS / Princeton University)

Comment: Julia McClure (University of Glasgow)

7:00pm Dinner

Saturday 19th May

9:30-11:00am *Work and Labour*

Chair: Zoltán Biedermann (University College London)

‘The Hatters of Seville and the Indigo Wars’ Adrianna Catena
(University of Warwick)

‘Convict Transportation and Micro-Spatial History’ Christian de Vito
(University of Leicester)

Comment: José Escribano Paez (University of Warwick)

11:00-11:30am Coffee

11:30-1:00pm Objects and Collecting

Chair: Claudia Stein (University of Warwick)

‘Minerals and Gems’ Michael Bycroft (University of Warwick)

‘Natural History and Scientific Collecting’ Sarah Easterby-Smith
(University of St. Andrews)

Comment: Luca Molá (European University Institution)

1:00-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-3:30pm Trading Centres and Mercantile Networks

Chair: Shinobu Majima (Gakushuin University / University of Warwick)

‘Nootka Sound as a Global-Micro Trading Centre’ Maxine Berg
(University of Warwick)

‘Western Merchant Wives and the Forbidden Merchant Port of Canton’
Song-Chuan Chen (University of Warwick)

Comment: Giorgio Riello (University of Warwick)

3:30-4:00pm Tea

4:00-5:00pm Concluding Panel

Chair: Charles Walton (University of Warwick)

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