Medieval merchants and money
A conference in celebration of the work of Professor James L. Bolton
Programme
Thursday 7 November 2013

09:30 Registration and Coffee

Professor Matthew Davies, Director of the Centre for Metropolitan History, Institute of Historical Research

Caroline Barron (Royal Holloway, University of London), Merchants and chronicles in medieval London

10:00 Plenary Lecture

11:00 Coffee

11:30 Session 1: Aliens in late medieval England

Jessica Lutkin (York), Settled or fleeting? London’s medieval immigrant community revisited

Jonathan Mackman (York), Was it really worth the effort? The administration of the alien subsidies, 1440–87

Erik Spindler (Humboldt), Silences in other languages: reaching and stretching the limits of extant sources on late medieval England’s alien population

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Session 2: Guilds, merchants and identities in London

Matthew Davies (Centre for Metropolitan History, Institute of Historical Research), Clerks and guilds in late medieval London

Justin Colson (Exeter), Conflict and cooperation: preserving merchant identities in the Stockfishmongers’ Company of London c.1450–1550

Christian Steer (Royal Holloway, University of London), London merchants and their monuments

15:30 Tea

16:00 Session 3: Merchants, trade and warfare

Francesco Guidi Bruscoli (Queen Mary, University of London /Florence), London and its merchants in the Italian Archives, 1380–1530

Adrian Bell and Sam Gibbs (Reading), Fighting merchants: what the poll tax and the medieval soldier database can tell us about the military service of merchants

Vanessa Harding (Birkbeck), A safe adventure? London merchants and the Antwerp trade

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Chris Briggs (Cambridge), Rural credit in late medieval England: puzzles and problems

James Davis (The Queen’s University, Belfast), The use of cash and credit in local market transactions

John Oldland (Quebec), The economic impact of clothmaking on rural society, 1200 to 1550

10:45 Session 4: Credit, markets and rural society

11:15 Lunch

11:45 Session 5: Money and mints

Derek Keene (Institute of Historical Research), London moneyers in the thirteenth century

Martin Allen (Cambridge), Medieval merchants and the English mints

Hannes Kleineke (History of Parliament), Clipping the clipper’s wings: the prosecution of counterfeiters in fifteenth-century England

13:15 Lunch

14:15 Session 6: Merchants, cities and the Crown

Peter Fleming (University of the West of England), The Crown and capitals in the Wars of the Roses: London and Bristol, 1460–1471

Anne Sutton, Richard III and his merchants: damage limitation and protection

Samantha Harper (Centre for Metropolitan History/Institute of Historical Research), ‘The Gentylmen and men of honour [knew] not whych party to lend unto’: divisions and factions in the mercantile community in the summer of 1485

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16:15 Session 7: Merchants and the law

Paul Brand (Oxford), Merchants and their use of the action of account in thirteenth- and early fourteenth-century England

Tony Moore (Reading), ‘According to the law of merchants and the custom of the city of London’: Burton vs Davy (1437) and the negotiability of credit instruments in medieval England

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Phillipp Schofield (Aberystwyth), Comprehending credit in the medieval English countryside (joint session with the IHR’s Late Medieval Seminar)
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