

International Workshop: New Perspectives on Comparative Medieval History: China & Europe, 800-1600

30 September – 1 October 2013 • Pembroke College, Oxford

Monday, 30 September 2013

- 09.00 *Hilde De Weerd* (King's College London): Word of Welcome
- SESSION 1: COLLABORATION IN COMPARATIVE HISTORY. Chair: *Georg Christ*
- 09.15 *Peter Bang* (University of Copenhagen): 'Holding a Woolf by the ears' – interdisciplinary discourse & comparative world history
- 09.45 *Walter Scheidel* (Stanford University): Herding cats: the challenge of collaborative comparative history
- 10.15 Discussion
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.00 *Catherine Holmes* (Oxford University): Juggling with three balls: comparing the medieval West, China & Byzantium
- 11.30 *Naomi Standen* (University of Birmingham): Another discipline, another place: approaches to collaborative work on the study of the global past
- 12.00-13.00 Discussion
- 13.15 Lunch
- SESSION 2: DIVERGENCE. Chair: *Peter Bang*
- 14.45 *Michael Puett* (Harvard University): Divergence as a category of comparative history: the case of China in Eurasian history
- 15.15 *RI Moore* (Newcastle University): The first great divergence?
- 15.45 Discussion
- 16.00 Coffee
- 16.15 *Jared Rubin* (Chapman University): Legitimacy & economic outcomes in the Middle East & Europe
- 16.45 *Debin Ma* (London School of Economics & Political Science): Political regimes & great divergence: the case of China
- 17.15-17.45 Discussion
- 19.00 Conference Dinner

Tuesday, 1 October 2013

- SESSION 3: NETWORKS. Chair: *Franz-Julius Morche*
- 09.15 *Peter Heather* (King's College London): The making of Europe: Western Eurasia in the first millennium AD
- 09.45 *Janet Nelson* (King's College London): Social networks in the age of Charlemagne: friendship or dependence?
- 10.15 Discussion
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.00 *Georg Christ* (University of Manchester): Comparative advantage? Venetian consular networks & information flows between India, the Mamluk Empire & Latin Europe (c. 1300-1500)
- 11.30 *R Bin Wong* (University of California Los Angeles): Transmissions of belief and power: contrasting relations between religion & political authority in China and Europe, c. 1000-1800
- 12.00-12.30 Discussion
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.45 Final Roundtable Discussion. Chair: *Hilde De Weerd* (King's College London)
- 15.45 Coffee / End of Workshop

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