The 2017 annual conference of the Economic History Society will be hosted by Royal Holloway, University of London from 31 March – 2 April.

The conference programme committee welcomes proposals on all aspects of economic and social history covering a wide range of periods and countries, and particularly welcomes papers of an interdisciplinary nature. Scholars are not expected to present a paper in more than one session (including as a co-author) and, when slots are limited, priority will be given to those who did not present in the academic sessions at the previous year’s conference. Those currently studying for, or who have recently completed, a PhD should submit a proposal to the New Researcher session; please contact Maureen Galbraith (ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk) for further information.

The committee invites proposals for individual papers, as well as for entire sessions of 1.5-2 hours duration; (no more than 4 papers will be accepted for any one session). Please note that the committee reserves the right to determine which papers will be presented in the session if it is accepted. If a session is not accepted, the committee may incorporate one, or more, of the proposed papers into other panels.

Proposals should please be submitted online via the Economic History Society website (www.ehs.org.uk).

You will be asked to submit:

**For single paper submissions:**
- The title of the paper proposed.
- A short abstract of the paper proposed (300-500 words).*
- Up to five keywords to help the conference coordinating committee allocate papers between sessions.
- Contact details (name, affiliation and e-mail address; including those of co-authors).
- A brief C.V.

**For sessions:**
- The title of the proposed session.
- The rationale for the session (up to 100 words).
- The titles of each paper proposed.
- A short abstract for each paper proposed (300-500 words).*
- Contact details for each speaker (name, affiliation and e-mail address; including those of co-authors).
- A brief C.V. for each proposed speaker.

* The abstract(s) should explain the background to the paper; the questions it addresses; the sources and methods it employs; and likely conclusions.

For full consideration, proposals must be received by **5 September 2016**. Notices of acceptance will be sent to individual paper-givers by mid/late-November 2016 when they will be asked to provide the following:
- A revised abstract of the paper (750-1,000 words) for inclusion in the conference booklet (by **16 December 2016**).
- A brief non-technical summary of the paper (if requested) for the ‘Media Briefings’ section of the Society’s website (by **17 February 2017**).
- An electronic copy of the full paper, or a web address where the paper is available for consultation (by **3 March 2017**).

It is the normal expectation that speakers who submit a proposal for a paper to the conference committee should be able to obtain independent financial support for their travel and conference attendance. However, a very limited support fund exists to assist overseas speakers who are unable to obtain funding from their own institution or from another source. Details of this fund and an application form can be obtained from the Society’s administrative secretary, Maureen Galbraith. The completed application form **must** be submitted by the September deadline as later applications for support will be considered only in exceptional circumstances.
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The annual conference opens with papers presented by new researchers. They offer those completing (or who have recently completed) doctorates the opportunity to present their own, sole-authored, work before professional colleagues and to benefit from informed comment. Speakers who have participated in a new researcher session at a previous Economic History Society annual conference should please submit a proposal to present a paper in the Academic Session.

The session will be held on the afternoon of Friday, 31 March 2017. Those wishing to be considered for inclusion in the programme must submit an application via the Economic History Society website (www.ehs.org.uk) by 5 September 2016. This should provide:

- A short CV, which should include academic qualifications, current position and/or programme of study, conference papers, and publications
- Abstract title
- Abstract summary (max 500 words); this should include:
  - Outline of the question to be asked
  - Summary of methods and sources
  - Probable conclusions
  - Research progress
- Intended date for submission of the thesis

A supporting statement from the supervisor must be emailed separately. Please note that proposals from researchers at an early stage of their work will not normally be accepted.

Those selected for inclusion in the programme will be asked to submit a paper, 2,250-2,750 words in length, by 16 December 2016 for circulation in the conference booklet. Each new researcher will have the opportunity to speak for 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of discussion. Up to two prizes of £500 will be awarded for the best paper(s) presented in the new researchers’ session.* The procedure for judging papers will be circulated to all participants.

The Economic History Society is able to offer a financial contribution to assist new researchers to attend the conference when this is not available from their institution. Any monies awarded would not cover travelling expenses.

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* New researchers, who have achieved their PhD by 31 December in the year preceding the conference, will not be eligible for the New Researcher Prize.