

**ESF Conference on Urban economic life in Europe and the Mediterranean from Antiquity
to the Early Modern Period**

Organized by the Oxford Roman Economy Project

Oxford, 9-10 November 2012
All Souls College, Old Library

Attendance is free, but please register with miko.flohr@classics.ox.ac.uk. More info and abstracts
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Friday, 9 November

Session 1: Urban economies through the ages

- 9:30 – 10:15 The archaeology of urban economies in the Roman Empire
Andrew Wilson (UK, University of Oxford)
- 10:15 – 11:00 The fabric of society. State intervention, artisan agency, and the performance of
textile manufacturing in the medieval Middle East
Jessica Dijkman (The Netherlands, University of Utrecht)
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 – 12:15 Rulers and Cities in the Early Islamic World
Hugh Kennedy (United Kingdom, University of London, SOAS)
- 12:15 – 13:00 La « ville moderne » dans l'« économie d'Ancien Régime »
Dominique Margairaz (France, Université de Paris)
- 13:00 – 13:30 Discussion

Lunch Break

Session 2: Economic life and urban space

- 14:30 – 15:15 Economic life and the urban environment in the Roman World
Miko Flohr (UK, University of Oxford)
- 15:15 – 16:00 Rethinking Urban Economic Geography in Early Islamic Near-East (7th-9th centuries
CE)
Fanny Bessard (France, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes-Sorbonne University)
- 16:00 – 16:30 *Tea Break*
- 16:30 – 17:15 Industrial and Market Spaces in Medieval Bruges
Jan Dumolyn (Belgium, Ghent University)
- 17:15 – 18:00 Constructing and negotiating space in the early modern urban economy
Anne Montenach (France, Université de Aix-en-Provence)
- 18:00 – 18:30 Discussion
- 18:30 *Drinks*

Saturday, 10 November

Session 3: Guilds and Professional Associations

- 9:30 – 10:15 Memberships in several professional associations and economic networks in the Roman West
Nicolas Tran (France, Université de Poitiers)
- 10:15 – 11:00 Medieval guilds between quality construction and rentseeking monopolies
Peter Stabel (Belgium, Antwerp University)
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 – 12:15 Ottoman Guilds between Myth and Reality
Onur Yildirim (Turkey, Middle East Technical University)
- 12:15 – 13:00 The institutions of urban economic life: guilds in medieval and early modern Europe
Maarten Prak (The Netherlands, University of Utrecht)
- 13:00 – 13:30 Discussion

Lunch Break

Session 4: Family, gender and the economy

- 14:30 – 15:15 Family Labour and the Household Economy in the Ancient Roman City
Cameron Hawkins (USA, University of Chicago)
- 15:15 – 16:00 Human capital in the medieval Islamic city: Gender, labour markets and women's property rights
Maya Shatzmiller (Canada, University of Western Ontario)
- 16:00 – 16:30 *Tea Break*
- 16:30 – 17:15 Contextualising Family, Gender and the Economy in later Medieval England
Jeremy Goldberg (UK, University of York)
- 17:15 – 18:00 Urban specialization and the family economy. Work patterns of women and children in early modern towns, c. 1600-1800
Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk (The Netherlands, IISH Amsterdam)
- 18:00 – 18:30 Discussion
- 18:30 *Drinks*