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Why My Research Matters:

New Methods. New Audience. New Questions.

The Importance of Medieval and Early Modern Studies in the Twenty-First Century

Friday 22nd April 2016, University of Reading



Detail of a miniature of Jacob meeting Pharaoh, British Library MS. Additional 27210, f.8v.

This workshop aims to encourage postgraduate researchers, at all stages of their degree, and early-career researchers to come together to present their research and highlight its relevance in the twenty-first century.

Historic studies, and particularly those focused on pre-modern history, are often challenged about their relevance and the reason for their study. Within an informal environment this workshop offers a chance to present your work – be that a fully-formed paper or a more exploratory questioning of your research topic. Themes for exploratory papers could include:

- The types of methodology you use
- Your experiences with archives and sources
- Using your research interests for teaching and/or wider engagement

Discussion will be invited for each presentation, giving the speaker and the audience the opportunity to participate and contribute to each other's research field. The day will conclude with a round-table discussion open to all, covering any issues and problems encountered when researching medieval and early modern history, and exploring ways in which we can engage others outside of our specialist field into our research areas.

If you would be interested in presenting a **20 minute paper** or a **10 minute exploratory piece**, please send an email containing both your proposed title and an abstract of no more than 200 words to the workshop organisers at gcms.reading@gmail.com by **Friday 29th January 2016**.