

Online Medieval Finance Workshops

April – May 2021

FINAL PROGRAMME



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In January 2021, we issued a Call for Papers for an online workshop to be hosted by University of Reading, UK, on the subject of Medieval Government Finance: Innovation and Experimentation. As a result of the very strong response that we received from postgraduate and early career historians globally undertaking research into this subject, we have decided to run a series of three workshops to be held on the following dates and times:

Tuesday 27 April 9am – 5pm GMT on the theme of National Governments – Financial Innovation and Experimentation

Wednesday 5 May 3pm – 6.30pm GMT on the theme of Medieval City Governments – Financial Innovation and Experimentation

Monday 10 May 3pm – 6.30pm GMT on the theme of Citizens, Merchants and Medieval City Finance

Full details of the programme of workshops are set out below. Each workshop will be held exclusively online using Teams software and will consist of a series of papers presented by postgraduate and early career historians. Papers will be presented in English and last approximately twenty minutes, with time for questions. In addition, there will be a keynote talk at the first workshop by Dr Richard Cassidy who specialises in research into English medieval government finance.

As part of the objective of the workshops is to foster an international community of interest in the area of Medieval Finance, there will also be opportunities to participate in general discussions at each of the workshops.

To obtain a Teams link to attend any or all of these online workshops, please email Andy Ford at jw898873@student.reading.ac.uk



Tuesday 27 April 2021 9am – 5pm GMT

National Governments – Financial Innovation and Experimentation

9.00am – 9.10am	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>Andy Ford, University of Reading</p>
9.10am – 10.10am	<p>Keynote Paper and Questions:</p> <p>Dr Richard Cassidy, Alumnus of King’s College, London</p>
10.10am – 10.30am	Break
10.30am – 12 noon	<p>Session 1: Government Finance, Government Control (20 mins per paper and time for questions)</p> <p>Chair: Dr Richard Cassidy, Alumnus of King’s College, London</p> <p>Dr Fabrizio Alias (University of Sassari, Italy): ‘Accounting and Financial Administration in Late Medieval Crown of Aragon: An early example of budget.’</p> <p>Daniel Booker (Bristol University, UK): ‘On the Margins: The Irish Exchequer and Transnational Administration under King John of England, 1199-1216.’</p> <p>Dr Judit Gal (Institute of History, Budapest, Hungary): ‘The Impact of the Royal Economic Policy on the Integration of the Dalmatian Towns in Hungary (12th – 14th centuries.’</p>
12 noon – 1pm	Break
1pm – 2.30pm	<p>Session 2: Extreme Times, Extreme Measures</p> <p>Chair: Professor Adrian Bell, University of Reading</p> <p>Lienhard Thaler (University of Vienna, Austria): ‘Changing keepers – keeping changes. A committee of financial experts governing the county of Tyrol, 1312-1315.’</p> <p>Robin Moens (KU Leuven, Belgium): ‘Bribing or Bereaving? The Evolution of the Flemish Count’s Financial Tactics in Dealing with Powerful Vassals in the Course of the Thirteenth Century.’</p>

	Sally Gordon (Fordham University, USA): ‘The Ecosystem of Medieval Sovereign Debt: Source of Capital as a Driver of Financial Innovation.’
2.30pm – 2.45pm	Break
2.45pm - 4.15pm	<p>Session 3: Managing Taxes in a Time of Crisis</p> <p>Chair: Dr Tony Moore, University of Reading</p> <p>Dr Stefano Locatelli (University of Manchester, UK): ‘A “Universal” Tax? The Sexennial Tithe of Pope Gregory X, 1274-80.’</p> <p>Davide Morra (University Federico II, Naples, Italy): ‘The “New Impositions” in the Kingdom of Naples, 1481-1485.’</p> <p>Dr Istvan Kadas (Institute of History, Budapest, Hungary): ‘Tax for Ransom: An Extraordinary Tax Administration in the Kingdom of Hungary, 1416.’</p>
4.15pm – 5pm	<p>General Discussion and Closing Remarks</p> <p>Andy Ford, University of Reading</p>

Wednesday 5 May 2021 3pm – 6.30pm GMT

Medieval City Governments - Financial Innovation and Experimentation

3pm – 3.10pm	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>Andy Ford, University of Reading</p>
3.10pm – 4.30pm	<p>Session 1: Medieval Municipal Finance: Innovation and Good Practice Part 1 (20 mins per paper and time for questions)</p> <p>Chair: Dr Jaco Zuiderduijn, Associate Professor, Lund University</p> <p>Catarina Rosa (University of Lisbon, Portugal): ‘An Example of Financial Experimentation: Funding Public Works in Lisbon (14th – 15th centuries).’</p> <p>Dr Laura Miquel Milian (University of Barcelona, Spain) and Dr Albert Reixach Sala (University of Girona, Spain): ‘From private bankers to public banks in the management of municipal finances in the Crown of Aragon, c.1330-c.1450.’</p> <p>Clement Carnielli (University Gustave Eiffel, France): ‘Interests against consent: the Bolognese Monte comunis and the limitations to the fiscal powers of the citizens (end of 14th century).’</p>
4.30pm – 4.45pm	Break
4.45pm – 6.00pm	<p>Session 2: Medieval Municipal Finance: Innovation and Good Practice Part 2</p> <p>Chair: Dr Jaco Zuiderduijn, Associate Professor, Lund University</p> <p>Daniele Troilo (University College Dublin, Ireland): ‘The Power of Information in Thirteenth Century Siena.’</p> <p>Marco Conti (University of Limoges, France): ‘Governing Public Expenditure in Bologna, end of thirteenth century – first half of the fourteenth century.’</p> <p>Dr Marcus Meer (German Historical Institute, London, UK): ‘Failed Experiments and Demonstrable Expertise: Financial Policy and Urban Historiography in Bristol and Brunswick.’</p>
6pm – 6.30pm	<p>General Discussion and Closing Remarks</p> <p>Dr Jaco Zuiderduijn, Associate Professor, Lund University</p>



Monday 10 May 2021 3pm – 6.30pm GMT

Citizens, Merchants and Medieval City Finance

3pm – 3.10pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks Andy Ford, University of Reading
3.10pm – 4.30pm	Session 1: Merchants and Municipal Money (20 mins per paper and time for questions) Chair: Andy Ford, University of Reading Dr Lorenzo Bondioli (Princeton University, USA): 'Money, Merchants and Taxes in Fatimid Egypt: A view from the Cairo Geniza.' Eliot Benbow (Queen Mary College, London, UK): 'The Customs Accounts of the City of London in the Later Middle Ages: Taxation, Financial Regulation and Material Culture.' Nicola Carotenuto (Oxford University, UK): 'Paying Taxes in Medieval Venice.'
4.30pm – 4.45pm	Break
4.45pm – 6.00pm	Session 2: Citizens and City Finance Chair: Andy Ford, University of Reading Jinming Yi (University of York, UK): 'From Royal Bailiffs to Civic Attorneys: Officials Appearing at the Exchequer in Fourteenth-Century England.' Carlo Ludovico Severgnini (University of Malaga, Spain): 'Managing Finances and Waging Wars: The Biccherna of Siena in the thirteenth century/' Rui Pedro Neves (University of Coimbra, Portugal): The Statute of Oporto's Mint, 1381.
6.00pm -6.30pm	General Discussion and Closing Remarks Andy Ford, University of Reading