

All At Sea: The Prize Papers as a Source for a Global Microhistory

Venue: The National Archives, London

Conference Programme

Mon 6 October 2014

12.00-13:00 Conference Registration

13.00-13.15 **Welcome** by Jeff James (CEO and Keeper of the Public Records, National Archives London) and Lisa Jardine (Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in the Humanities at University College London/Director of the Centre for Editing Lives and Letters/Non-executive director of the National Archives London)

13.15 **Chair:** Dagmar Freist (Oldenburg University)

13.15-15.15 *Provenance of the Prize Papers Collection*, Caroline Kimbell (Head of Licensing, The National Archives, London)

Challenges of Conservation and Re-housing The Prize Papers, Catt Baum (Head of Digitisation Conservation, The National Archives, London)

Cataloguing the Prize Papers, Amanda Bevan and Randolph Cock (The National Archives, London)

"How long have you known the Captain of your ship?" - Past, Present and Future of the Prize Papers Online 1650-1815, Perry Moree (Brill Publishers, Leiden) and Els van Eijck van Heslinga (National Library of the Netherlands, The Hague)

15:15-15:30 Tea and coffee

15:30 **Politics & Economy**

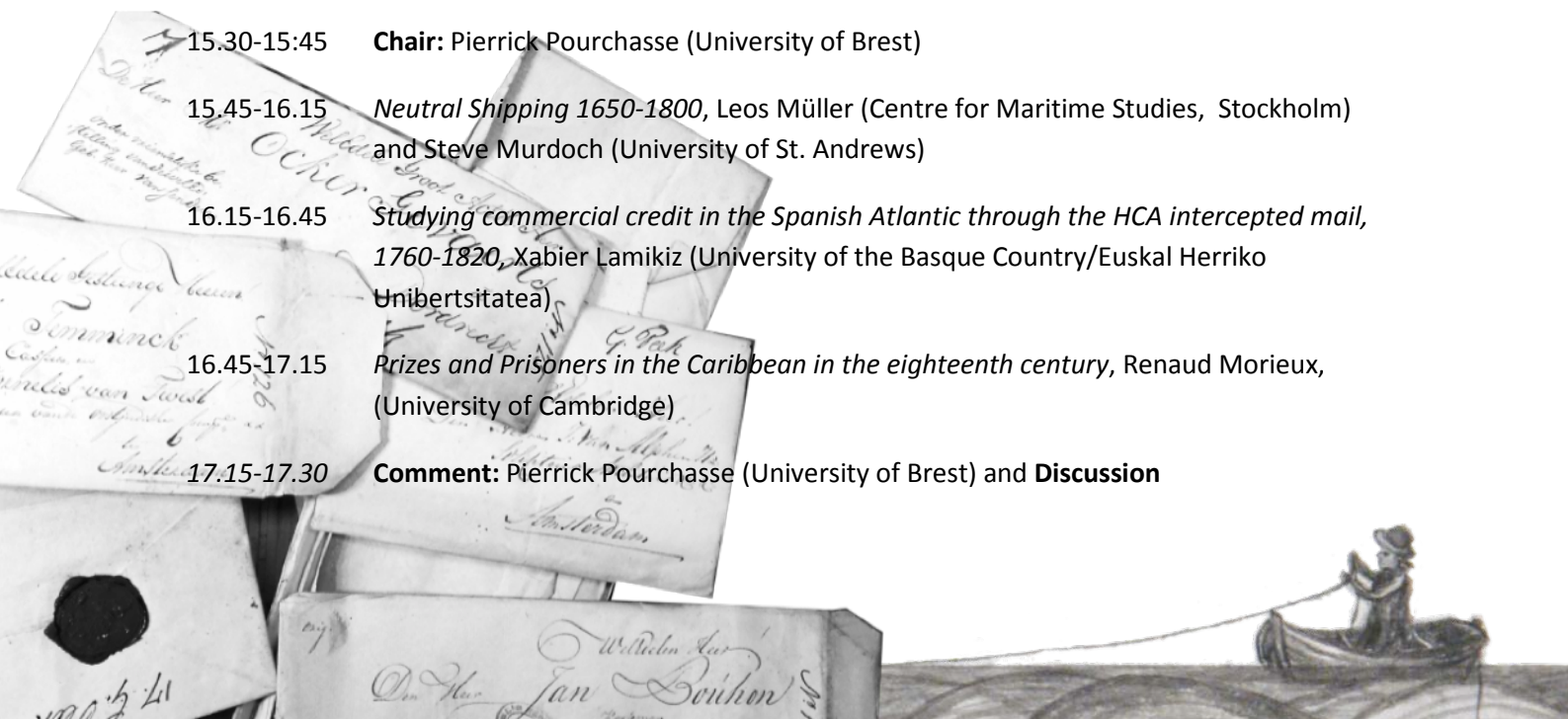
15.30-15:45 **Chair:** Pierrick Pourchasse (University of Brest)

15.45-16.15 *Neutral Shipping 1650-1800*, Leos Müller (Centre for Maritime Studies, Stockholm) and Steve Murdoch (University of St. Andrews)

16.15-16.45 *Studying commercial credit in the Spanish Atlantic through the HCA intercepted mail, 1760-1820*, Xabier Lamikiz (University of the Basque Country/Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea)

16.45-17.15 *Prizes and Prisoners in the Caribbean in the eighteenth century*, Renaud Morieux, (University of Cambridge)

17.15-17.30 **Comment:** Pierrick Pourchasse (University of Brest) and **Discussion**



18:00-18:30 **Key note:** *New Perspectives on a Global Microhistory*, Dagmar Freist (University of Oldenburg)

Tue 7 October 2014

09:00-09:30 Registration, tea and coffee, pastries

09:30 **Seafaring**

09:30-09:45 **Chair:** Thomas M. Truxes (Clinical Associate Professor of Irish Studies and History Glucksman Ireland House, New York University)

09:45-10:15 *Against all Odds: German Merchants, their Letters & a Glimmer of Hope*, Lucas Haasis (University of Oldenburg)

10:15-10:45 *Predators and Opportunists: English Seafarers as Prize Takers, 1739-1783*, David J. Starkey (University of Hull)

10:45-11:15 *Frisian Seafaring on the Baltic and European coasts (ca. 1750-1785)*, Hanno Brand (Fryske Akademy Leeuwarden)

11:15-11:30 **Comment:** John McCusker (University of San Antonio) and **Discussion**

11:30-11:45 Tea and coffee

11:45 **Language & Literacy**

11:45-12:00 **Chair:** Rik Vosters (University of Brussels)

12:00-12:30 *"ich bit eich in got willen sich mir doch gelt das ich kann leben". German letters in the prize papers corpus - preliminary linguistic analyses*, Stephan Elspaß (University of Salzburg) and Doris Stolberg (IDS Mannheim)

12:30-13:00 *Language, literacy and the "lower orders": Dutch private letters of the 17th and 18th centuries*, Gijsbert Rutten (Leiden University)

13:00-13:30 *Late 18th-c. and Early 19th-c. mercantile correspondence within the Jewish trade networks of the Cairo Geniza*, Esther-Miriam Wagner, (T-S Genizah Research Unit, University of Cambridge)

13:30-13:45 **Comment:** Marijke v.d. Wal (Leiden University) and **Discussion**

13:45-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 **Family, Friends and Private Lives**

14:30-14:45 **Chair:** Els van Eijck van Heslinga

14:45-15:15 *Foreign crew on Dutch ships during wartime* Andrew Ross Little (freelance researcher)



- 15:15-15:45 *Remembered, Imagined, lived. Early modern family ties in absence*, Christina Beckers (University of Oldenburg)
- 15:45-16:15 *Great need for signs of life in the Year of Disaster 1672*, Judith Brouwer (University of Groningen)
- 16:15-16:30 **Comment:** Suenne Juterczenka (Humboldt University, Berlin) and **Discussion**
- 16:30-16:45 Tea and Coffee**
- 16:45-17:15 **Key-note:** *Floating Emotions*, Lex Heerma van Voss (Huygens Institute)
- 18:00 Drinks, nibbles, films and document display

Wednesday 8 October 2014

- 09:00-09:30 Registration, tea and coffee, pastries
- 09:30 **Colonial Cross-overs and Confrontations**
- 09:30-09:45 **Chair:** Suenne Juterczenka (Humboldt University, Berlin)
- 09:45-10:15 *Contested Knowledges and Ambivalent Practices in the Everyday Life of the Suriname Herrnhut Mission (1735-1810)*, Jessica Cronshagen (University of Oldenburg)
- 10:15-10:45 *Recovered Records of Dutch Slave Forts in West-Africa, 1793-1803. A Metamorfoze Project for Preservation and Presentation*, Erik van der Doe (The Hague)
- 10:45-11:00 **Comment:** Joost Schokkenbroek (University of Amsterdam) and **Discussion**
- 11:00-11:30 Tea and coffee
- 11:30 **Practices, Artefacts, Spaces and Body**
- 11:30-11:45 **Chair:** Michael Schaich (German Historical Institute, London)
- 11:45-12:15 *A Serious Man. An 'enlightened' male body's fight against yellow fever in 1802 Martinique*, Annika Raapke (University of Oldenburg)
- 12:15-12:45 *Eating the New World*, Rebecca Earle (University of Warwick)
- 12:45-13:15 *"I would pray that the Lord were to let this medicine prosper into a blessed avail"; sickness and health in looted Dutch letters*, Peter van den Hooff (Utrecht University)
- 13:15-13:30 **Comment:** Magaret Hunt (University of Uppsala) and **Discussion**
- 13:30-14:30 **Final Discussion and wrap up of conference**
- 14:30-15:00 Foundation of EU-Prize Papers Network
- 15:30 Departure

