
Economic and Social History at Glasgow is launching a major new research theme of ‘public and private’ to act as an umbrella for its diverse research activities. These reach across business, financial, gender, labour, medical, and oral history as well as most types of modern economic and social history. A warm welcome will be extended to all colleagues, students and friends who are interested in attending all or parts of this launch event. Speakers include invited visitors, who will address the ‘public and private’ theme from a number of perspectives, and members of staff and graduate students in ESH who will examine the ways in which this theme can be deployed in research across a wide range of important topics.

Refreshments will be available at various points in the workshop, along with a buffet lunch at the conclusion of proceedings on Friday 15 May, courtesy of the Economic History Society, the main sponsor of the event, and the University of Glasgow’s MacFie Bequest. Attendance is free of charge, but for catering purposes those intending to participate should notify Jim Phillips, Head of Economic & Social History, by Friday 8 May if possible: James.Phillips@glasgow.ac.uk

Workshop Programme

Thursday 14 May, Room 916, Adam Smith Building

1.45 Welcome – Anne Anderson, Vice-Principal and Head of College, Social Sciences (University of Glasgow) and Jim Tomlinson (University of Glasgow)

2.00 Opening Plenary, Penny Tinkler (University of Manchester)

2.50 ’Public discourses, private lives: family relationships in war-time Scotland, 1914-1919’, Rosemary Elliot and Annmarie Hughes (University of Glasgow)

3.30 ”’He calls him his ‘husband’!” Exploring Public and Private Representations and Experiences of Same-Sex Relationships, Civil Partnerships & Marriages in Scotland’, Jeff Meek (University of Glasgow)

4.10 Tea, Lilybank House

4.40 ‘Rethinking the "private" in public health: disease surveillance and domestic space’, Graham Mooney (Johns Hopkins)
5.30 ‘The roles of history in debates about privacy, public interests and datafication’, Angus Ferguson (University of Glasgow)

6.15 Drinks reception, Lilybank House

Friday 15 May, Seminar Room 3, Woolfson Medical School

9.30 ‘The public and the private in twentieth-century Britain: some historiographic problems and opportunities’, David Edgerton, KCL

10.40 Coffee, Atrium, Woolfson Medical School

11.00 Jeff Fear (University of Glasgow) ‘Keeping it all in the family: The German Mittelstand’

11.45 The public and the private: oral history, led by Andrea Thomson with Ewan Gibbs and Martha Kirby (all University of Glasgow)

1.00 Lunch, Lilybank House