Metropolis and State in Early Modern Europe
(c.1400-1800)
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Centre for Metropolitan History
Institute of Historical Research
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27–28 March 2006

Programme

Monday 27 March

9.30  Registration and Coffee
10.00 Derek Keene
Welcome and Introduction

CHAIR: Derek Keene
10.10 Michael Limberger (History, K U Brussel) and Marjolein ‘t Hart (University of Amsterdam)
Antwerp and Amsterdam: the autonomy of the metropolis vis-à-vis the central state, 1530–1830
10.30 Discussion (Commentator: Hans Cools)
11.00 Coffee
11.30 Frank Hatje (History, University of Hamburg)
The art of balancing the powers: Hamburg’s fragile autonomy, 1618–1868
11.50 Discussion; followed by general discussion of the morning session (Commentator: Leonard Schwarz)
12.30 Lunch

CHAIR: Marjolein ‘t Hart
14.00 Equipo 4704 (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid: Alfredo Alvar, Elena M. García, Juan C. Zofío, Teresa Prieto, Leonor Zozaya, Miguel A. García, Beatriz Valverde)
Social cohesion and immigration in Madrid: the city and the court, 1550–1650
14.20 Discussion (Commentator: Vanessa Harding)
14.50 Cátia Antunes (History, Leiden University)
Imperial metropolis, Atlantic port, and absolutist capital: Lisbon 1580–1715
15.10 Discussion (Commentator: Derek Keene)
15.40 Tea
16.00 Guy Saupin (International and Atlantic Historical Research Centre, Nantes)
Bordeaux, Nantes and the French Royal State in the eighteenth century
16.20 Discussion; followed by general discussion of the afternoon session (Commentator: Perry Gauci)
19.00 Dinner for speakers
Tuesday 28 March

9.30  Coffee

CHAIR: Michael Limberger

10.00 Ed King (Political Science, University of Concordia, Montreal)
To awe and stupefy: Machiavelli’s advice to the Florentine Prince

10.20 Discussion (Commentator: Hans Cools)

11.00 Coffee

11.30 Maarten van Dijck (History, University of Antwerp)
Unmanageable cities, intrusive states: the difficult relation between local and central justice in late medieval and 16th-century Brabant

11.40 Sheila Seymour (Royal Holloway, University of London)
The London shrieval election of 1682: Restoration politics in a crucible

11.50 Discussion; followed by general discussion of the morning session (Commentator: Julia Merritt)

12.30 Lunch

CHAIR: Derek Keene

14.00 William C. Baer (School of Policy, Planning, and Development, University of Southern California)
Paris and London: state views on metropolitan growth, 1550–1610

14.20 Discussion (Commentator: Julia Merritt)

14.50 Alan R. Macdonald (History, University of Dundee)
Hosting the Estates: Edinburgh and parliament in early modern Scotland

15.10 Discussion (Commentator: Leonard Schwarz)

15.40 Tea

16.00 Ian Archer (History, University of Oxford)
London and Parliament, 1350–1720

16.20 Discussion; followed by general discussion of the afternoon session (Commentator: Vanessa Harding)

17.00 Closing remarks

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