Marriage’s Global Past
Conference Schedule

Robinson College, Cambridge University

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Thursday 7 April 2016

2:00-2:15 Welcome by the Co-Organizers (Sara McDougall, John Jay College, CUNY, and Sarah Pearsall, Cambridge University)

2:15-3:15 Keynote: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Harvard University

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30-5:00 Panel 1: Marriage: What’s at Stake

Allison Anna Tait, University of Richmond School of Law, “Harming Marriage”

Daniel Walther, Wartburg College, “Love in the Colony: Marriage, Gender & Race in Early 20th-Century German Southwest Africa”

Chair: Amy Erickson, Cambridge

5:00-6:30 Panel 2: Marriage, Privacy, and the State

Lauren Kaminsky, Harvard University, “Marriage between Comrades: Free Love and Monogamy in the Soviet Union”

Stephen Vider, Museum of the City of New York, “It’s Something of a Merit Badge’: Lesbian and Gay Marriage and Romantic Adjustment in the 1950s and 60s U.S.”

Chair: Stuart Airlie, Glasgow University

Friday 8 April 2016

9:30-11 Panel 3  Ideals of Marriage, Gender, and Christianity

Elisabeth Van Houts, Cambridge University, “The portrayal of marriage in miracula”


Chair: Sara McDougall, John Jay College
11-11:30 Break

**11:30-1pm Panel 4 Mixed Marriages**

Cecilia Cristellon, Institute for Advanced Studies Konstanz/Goethe University, “Among Sacrament, Sin and Crime: Mixed Marriages and the Roman Church in Early Modern Europe”

Deborah Hamer, Columbia University/Boston College, “Extension or Reduction of Authority?: Dutch Trading Companies and Mixed Marriage in the Seventeenth Century”

Chair: Silvana Seidel Menchi, University of Pisa

1:00-2:00 Lunch

**2-3:30 Panel 5: Marriage and Slavery**

Rachel Stone, King’s College London, “From practice to theory: the marriage of the unfree in the early Middle Ages

David Stark, Grand Valley State University, “Marriage among Slaves in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico”

Chair: Sarah Pearsall, Cambridge

3:30-4 Break

**4:00-5:30 Panel 6: Defending Plural Unions**

Rena Lauer, Oregon State University, “In Defense of Bigamy: Gender, Minority Policy, and Jewish Law in Venice’s Colonial Judiciary”

Vicki Luker, Australian National University, “A political and economic necessity? Chiefly polygamy in Fiji during the 1840s and 1850s”

Chair: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Harvard University

**Saturday 9 April 2016**

**9-10:30  Panel 7: Modernity and Marriage**

Ishita Pande, Queen’s University, Canada, “Marriage Made Modern: The Colorful Prophet and the Conjugal Politics of Indian Modernity”

Jialin Christina Wu, Université catholique de Louvain and the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, “Contested Narratives of Marriage at the “Age of Independence”: A Case Study of the Maria Hertogh Controversy in British Malaya (1950)

Chair: Joanna de Groot, University of York.
10:30-11 Break

11-12:30 Panel 8  Imposing Monogamy in Colonial Contexts


Laura Rademaker, Australian Catholic University, “Marriage disturbances: Mission marriage, colonisation and the importance of marrying ’straight’

Chair: Seth Archer, Cambridge

12:30-1:30 lunch

1:30-2:30 concluding discussion and closing remarks (Sara McDougall and Sarah Pearsall)

If you wish to register to attend this conference, please contact Kennedy Sanderson (kas84@cam.ac.uk)