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Seminar in Early Modern Economic and Social History

This term we are taking part in the core seminar in economic and social history which meets every Thursday in term at 5pm in the Graham Storey Room in Trinity Hall. We encourage all members of the seminar to attend. For details see:

http://www.econsoc.hist.cam.ac.uk/core_seminar.html

Our nominated paper for the core seminar is:

Thursday 7th November

Dr Craig Muldrew (Cambridge)

From Mercantilism to Macroeconomics

This essay looks again at the relevance of the concept of mercantilism to the early modern world by examining it in the light of much new scholarship which stresses the importance of population, improvement and the employment of labour both within states and for colonial projects. It re-examines Adam Smith's key role in creating the term as understood in the 20th century, and concludes by offering some thoughts on why the history of state policy in regards to employment is still important today.

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