Working lives between the deck and the dock: comparative perspectives on sailors as international labourers (16th-18th centuries)

To be held at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Center, Exeter University

Day 1 – Tuesday 10 September

17-18 REGISTRATION AND DRINKS

18 Plenary Lecture:

Richard Unger – Trades, Ports and Ships: the Roots of Differences in Sailor’s Lives

19.30 BUFFET DINNER

Day 2 – Wednesday 11 September

9-10.45: The Frame: Sailors between Law and Politics

Maria Fusaro – Administering Justice to Sailors: Political Economy and Political Expediency in Early Modern Venice

Richard Blakemore – The Contested Court: Debate, Practice and Participation in the Seventeenth-Century High Court of Admiralty

Carla Rahn Phillips – Mariners in the Spanish context: Diverse in nationality, legal and social status, and wage structure

10-45-11.15 COFFEE


Mauro Bondioli – Ships and Seamen in the Policy Strategies of Mercantile Protectionism of the Venetian Government between Defense and Private Business Initiative

Bernard Allaire – The Evolution of Sailors’ Maritime Legislation in 16th-17th Century France

Jelle van Lottum, Catherine Sumall and Aske Brock – The Early Modern European Labour Market Revisited: a Comparative Micro Perspective on Maritime Work in Northern and Southern Europe in the long Eighteenth Century
13-14.30 LUNCH

14.30-16.15  *Experiences: Northerners in the Mediterranean*

  **Magnus Ressel** – *Hanseatics in the Mediterranean: Payment, Hierarchy and Nationality in German long-distance Shipping (1630-1700)*

  **Tijl Vanneste** – *Sailing through the Straits: Seamen’s Professional Trajectories from a Segmented Labour Market in Holland into a fragmented Mediterranean*

  **Danilo Pedemonte** – *Deserters, Mutineers and Rebels: British Seamen and Problems of Port Jurisdiction at Genoa and Livorno between 1713 and 1783*

16.15-17:15 COFFEE

16.15-18.00  *Experiences: Three Maritime Hubs*

  **Joan Abela** – *Sailors Legal Rights in a Mediterranean hub: the case of Malta*

  **Andrea Addobbati** – *Sailors and Captains in the port of Livorno (XVII-XVIII Centuries)*

  **Po-Ching Yu** – *Chinese Seamen’s Life in London in the Early 19th Century*

19 CONFERENCE DINNER – Reed Woodbridge Suite Reed Hall, University of Exeter

Day 3 – Thursday 12 September

9-10.45  *Comparisons: Specialist Sectors in Maritime Labour*

  **Colin Greenstreet & Philip Hnakovich** – “Each according to his office”: Risk, Rank, and Labour in English Whaling Enterprise at Spitsbergen, 1656-7

  **Olivier Lopez** – *Coral fishermen in Barbary in the 18th century: Between Norms and Practices*

  **Tim Beattie** – *Dividing the Spoils: Research into the Pay-book and Other Documents Relating to the Privateering Voyage of the Duke and Dutchess*

10.45-11.15 COFFEE
11.15-12.00  *Comparisons: European Sailors Beyond Europe*

  **Amélia Polonia** – Portuguese Seafarers: Informal Agents of Empire Building

  **Susan Schopp** – Social and Economic Characteristics of eighteenth-century French Seamen in the China Trade

  **Matthias van Rossum** – Managing a Global Labour Force: European and Asian Sailors working for the Dutch East India Company (1600-1800)

12-13.30  LUNCH

13-14.15  *FINAL ROUND TABLE AND DISCUSSION:*

14.15-14.45  COFFEE and end of conference.