



The Seventeenth Annual Harvard-Princeton Graduate Conference in Early Modern History

February 9–10, 2024

History Dept
Conference Room,
Robinson Hall,
Harvard Yard

Organizers: Ann Blair
and Tony Grafton

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2023

2:00–2:15 PM Self-Introductions

2:15–3:55 PM Session 1: Commerce
and computation
Chair: Ann Blair

Stephanie Leitzel (HU), Alum: The
Anatomy of Monopoly before
Modernity

Sergio Leos (HU), Iberian Arrieros
and the Circulation of Silver from the
Spanish Indies

Ashley Gonik (HU), Taking account:
an epilogue

Mark Chen (HU), Coding and
Computing with the Soroban Abacus
in Edo-period Japan

3:55–4:15 PM Coffee Break

4:15–6:20 PM Session 2: Medicine and
the Environment
Chair:
Jenny Rampling

John White (PU), The World within a
Whale

Jin-Woo Choi (PU), Cloudy, with a
Chance of Invasion: The Meteorological
Meditations of Hermann IV von Hessen-
Rotenburg

Kacper Kolęda (HU), Landscapes of
Disaster: Visual Culture and Geological
Knowledge in the Age of the
Revolutions

Aleksander Musiał (PU), Hygiene
Incorporated: the imprint of Russian
Empire's communal bathhouses at the
turn of the 19th century

Jordan Cannon (HU), Investigating
Arson in Early Modern Istanbul

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10

8:30–8:45 AM Breakfast

8:45–10:50 AM Session 3: Politics
Chair: Tony Grafton

Kentigwern Jaouen (HU), From admiralty to the Navy of the Ponant: the evolution in the French maritime administration under Francis I

Oana Avram (HU), Humanist Agency and Discursive Strategies in Late Sixteenth-Century Anti-Ottoman Crusade Literature

Constantine Theodoridis (PU), The Problem with Ottoman Ambassadors in Seventeenth-Century Europe

Anastasiia Lystsova (PU), Exploring the Boundary Between Liberties and Absolutism: The Political Language of the Polish-Lithuanian and Russian Intellectuals in the 1760-90s

Noga Marmor (HU), Belonging to the King: The Freedom Petition of an Individual Enslaved by the Spanish Crown

10:50–11:05 AM Break

11:05 AM–12:45 PM Session 4: Religion
Chair: Hannah Marcus

Konrad Boeschstein (HU), Petrarch's Refutation of Aristotle's Ethics in *De ignorantia*: Its Anti-Scholasticism, Augustinianism, and Stoicism Reconsidered

Wes Viner (PU), Water Above and Fire Below: Thomas Lydiat's Biblical Cosmos

Maryam Patton (HU), The Diversity of Time and Religious Space in Early Ottoman Istanbul

Adriana Zenteno-Hopp (HU), Ritual Exchanges: Memorable Notions of the Divine

12:45–1:35 PM Lunch—everyone attending is welcome

1:35–3:15 PM Session 5: Drawing, writing, and sculpture:
Chair: Caroline Murphy

Sharifa Lookman (PU), An Intermedial Antique: Sculpture in Scale and on Paper

Briana Brightly (HU), Drawing the Lines of the Body: Iconometry and Anatomy in Early-Modern Tibet

Linda Mueller (HU), "Seized from His Pocket:" The Drawing and Trial of Sugarcane Farmer Francisco de Campos da Silva from Rio de Janeiro

Kelly McCay (HU), Studying Shorthand in Seventeenth-Century England: Deciphering a Teacher's Manuscript

3:15 PM Farewell and announcement of HU-PU XVIII: Feb 7-8, 2025 at Princeton—please save the date!

ONLINE OPTION

All proceedings will be held in Robinson Hall Dept conference room, and on Zoom, for audience members who cannot take part in person (and speakers who are testing positive). Each speaker will have exactly 25 minutes at their disposal. We strongly advise that talks last no more than 15 minutes each, to allow for as much discussion as possible.