

British Crime Historians Symposium: Call for Papers

2-3 September 2021

The British Crime Historians Symposium meets regularly to discuss and debate original historical research on all aspects of crime, policing, punishment, law, criminal justice and social regulation

Since the first meeting in 2008, the BCHS has become a leading academic forum in this broad and vibrant field of research. The 2020 event had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus and will instead be hosted on the 2-3 September 2021. **For the first time in its history, it will be hosted fully online on Zoom.** It will feature a keynote presentation from Professor Randolph Roth (Ohio State University) and other plenary sessions still being arranged. This year's conference is hosted by the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies in the School of Law, University of Leeds.

The conference welcomes proposals for papers, panels and other sessions concerned with the history of crime and criminal justice, especially (though not exclusively) in connection with Britain and its former colonies. Papers on all topics and periods within this broad remit are welcomed.

Submissions are encouraged from researchers across a wide range of disciplines (including, but not limited to, history, criminology, law, socio-legal studies and sociology). Submissions are also encouraged from researchers based around the world and, where necessary, we will endeavour to schedule sessions at times that are amenable to the presenters. Submissions from Postgraduate Researchers and Early Career Researchers are especially welcomed. Postgraduate presenters will be invited to submit their papers for the Clive Emsley Prize, awarded for the best postgraduate paper at the conference.

As the event will be wholly online, we invite proposals for papers in the following formats:

1) Individual Presentations

- Research Project Report. Short (max. 5 minutes) presentations which report on the progress of a specific research project. This should be especially suitable for those in the early stages of PhDs or other large projects.
- PechaKucha Presentation. Presenters have 20 slides and 20 seconds to talk about each slide. The total length of a PechaKucha presentation is 6 minutes 40 seconds. Again, this is a good format for those in the early stages of a project or for those who wish to succinctly summarise a key finding or argument.
- If you wish to submit a proposal for an **individual paper**, please provide an abstract of no more than 200 words. Please also include: title, name(s) of author(s), institutional affiliation (if applicable) and email address (of proposing author).

2) Panel Presentations

- Panel of standard papers. Individual papers of 15 minutes. Up to 4 per panel. Panels of papers should relate to an overall theme. Panels must be put together by those submitting the proposal.
- Panel of PechaKucha papers. If presenters would prefer, they can propose to present thematically related papers in a PechaKucha rather than the standard format.
- If you wish to submit a **panel proposal**, please provide the abstracts of all panel papers (up to 200 words each) plus individual paper titles, name of authors, institutional affiliations and email address (of proposing author). In addition, please provide a panel title, a panel abstract (150 words maximum) and the name of the proposed panel chair.

3) Other Sessions

- Roundtable Discussion. You are invited to submit a theme for a roundtable discussion. These roundtable discussions should last for one hour. If selected, a chair and two discussants will be identified for each roundtable.
- Workshops. Proposals for workshops on topics of common relevance are invited (e.g. methods, ethics, writing for publication, doing public engagement etc). These can be up to 90 minutes in length. There is no set format that a workshop must adopt. It could be presenter-led, feature a panel of presenters, or be practically-driven etc.
- If you wish to propose a **roundtable discussion** or **workshop session**, please submit: session title, session objectives (3-5 objectives capturing what you plan to do) and a session overview (max. 200 words explaining the rationale of the proposed session).
- Suggestions for **alternative formats** are welcome; please discuss any ideas with the conference organising committee, in the first instance.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Friday 28 May 2021**. Please send proposals by email attachment to: bchs@leeds.ac.uk .

The conference organising committee is: Eleanor Bland (Oxford Brookes University); David Churchill (University of Leeds); Kisby Dickinson (University of Leeds); Elliott Keech (University of York); Craig Newbery-Jones (University of Leeds); Henry Yeomans (University of Leeds).

Please direct any queries to: bchs@leeds.ac.uk