



Call for Papers – CLOSING DATE EXTENDED 10.02.2020
Association of Business Historians Annual Conference 2020

***BUBBLES AND CRISES; MAYHEM AND MISERY; CORRUPTION AND
DISRUPTION***

26–27 June 2020

**Nottingham University Business School
Jubilee Campus**

As we continue to live with the worldwide fallout of the 2008 economic crisis, we have to wonder whether we have learned anything about business, bubbles, and crises over the centuries. This conference will address the historical consequences of bubbles and crises and their ramifications in terms of human and financial misery and the difficulties caused at national level (e.g., in respect of lower tax revenues and consequent reductions to public goods and services) and to businesses, communities and individuals.

The first bubble was famously that of the ‘Tulip Mania’ of 1636 followed by the crash of early 1637. In the British context, there was also the railway mania of the mid-19th century, and in the context of the United States, the great crash and depression of the 1930s, which had worldwide consequences. More recently we have seen various financial crises and stock market crashes e.g.: the UK in 1987; the 1997 financial crisis in Asia; the 1998 Russian financial crisis; the ‘dot.com’ bubble of the 1990s; the housing/property market bubbles in China, Japan and Australia in the early 2000s; the recent economic crises in Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain.

As we approach the tri-centenary of the British ‘South Sea Bubble’ and the French ‘Mississippi Bubble’, this conference aims to revisit various bubbles and crises around three themes with various sub-questions.:

Bubbles and Crises

What macro forces are at play? Are financial bubbles and crises historically and economically cyclical and inevitable? How do they affect businesses and the economy more widely?

Mayhem and Misery

Are there ever rational bubbles? Who wins? Who loses? What national and international social and economic public policy changes were proposed or made in response to alleviate the consequences? What were the consequences for businesses, communities and individuals?

Corruption and Disruption

Who is to blame? Whom do we blame? What is the relationship between business and individual behaviour and corruption? What were the outcomes from crises in terms of political and economic regulation? Who are the beneficiaries of crises? What can we learn about the persistence and circulation of business elites?

We will particularly welcome papers on businesses' role and involvement, collectively or individually, in these or related themes, but will also consider papers that sit outside this framework.

How to submit a paper or session proposal

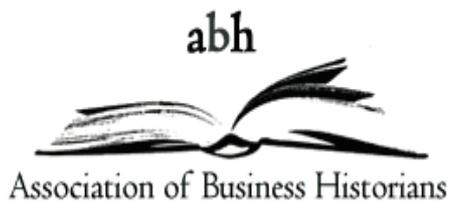
The programme committee will consider both individual papers and entire panels. Individual paper proposals should include a one-page (up to 300-word) abstract and one-page curriculum vitae (CV). Panel proposals should include a cover letter stating the rationale for the panel and the name of its contact person; one-page (300-word) abstract and author's CV for each paper; and a list of preferred panel chairs and commentators with contact information. Note that each academic session lasts 90 minutes, allowing time for 3 or at a pinch 4 papers. **The deadline for submissions is 10 February 2020.**

If you have any questions please contact the Conference Organisers: Business-Historians2020@Nottingham.ac.uk.

Submissions must be made online at: <https://unternehmensgeschichte.de/db/public/C1>.

Begin by selecting between uploading a single paper or a full panel. Have your abstract and CV ready. The software will guide you through the uploading and submission process.

Any other suggestions for the conference - workshops, poster sessions, panel discussions - should be made to the programme committee through Business-Historians2020@Nottingham.ac.uk.



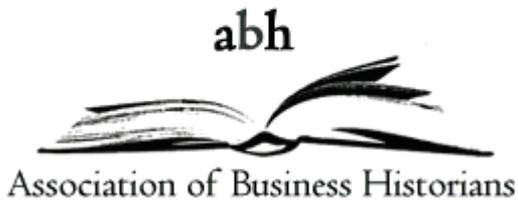
Call for Tony Slaven Doctoral Workshop in Business History, 25th June 2020

The ABH will hold its eight annual Tony Slaven Doctoral Workshop on 25th June 2020. This event immediately precedes the 2020 ABH Annual Conference at Nottingham University Business School. Participants in the Workshop are encouraged to attend the main ABH Annual Conference following the Workshop. The Workshop is an excellent opportunity for doctoral students to discuss their work with other research students and established academics in business history in an informal and supportive environment. Students at any stage of their doctoral studies, whether in their first year or very close to submitting, are urged to apply. In addition to providing new researchers with an opportunity to discuss their work with experienced researchers in the discipline, the Workshop will also include at least one skills-related session. The Workshop interprets the term ‘business history’ broadly, and it is intended that students in areas such as (but not confined to) the history of international trade and investment, financial or economic history, agricultural history, the history of not-for-profit organisations, government-industry relations, accounting history, social studies of technology, and historians or management or labour will find it useful. Students undertaking topics with a significant business history element but in disciplines other than economic or business history are also welcome. We embrace students researching any era or region of history. Skills sessions are typically led by regular ABH members; in the past these have included ‘getting published’, ‘using historical sources’, and ‘preparing for your viva examination’ sessions. There will be ample time for discussion of each student’s work and the opportunity to gain feedback from active researchers in the field.

How to Apply for the Tony Slaven Workshop

Your application should be no more than 4 pages sent together in a single computer file: 1) a one page CV; 2) one page stating the name(s) of the student’s supervisor(s), the title of the theses (a proposed title is fine), the university and department where the student is registered and the date of commencement of thesis registration; 3) an abstract of the work to be presented.

You may apply via email to Dr Mitch Larson at mjlarson@uclan.ac.uk. Please use the subject line “Tony Slaven Workshop” and submit by the 10 February 2020.



Call for Coleman Prize for Best PhD Dissertation, Nottingham University Business School, 26–27 June 2020

Named in honour of the British business historian Donald Coleman (1920-1995), this prize is awarded annually by the Association of Business Historians to recognise excellence in new research in Britain. It is open to PhD dissertations in Business History (broadly defined) either having a British subject or completed at a British university. All dissertations completed in the previous calendar year to that of the Prize are eligible. In keeping with the ABH's broad understanding of business history, applications are strongly encouraged from candidates in economic history, social history, labour history, intellectual history, cultural history, environmental history, the history of science and technology, the history of medicine, or any other subfield. The value of the prize is £500, sponsored by the Taylor & Francis Group, a scholarly publisher. To be eligible for the Prize, finalists must present their findings in person at the Association's annual conference, held on 26–27 June 2020. A complete list of previous winners may be found at: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/external/ABH/coleman.html>

How to Apply for the Coleman Prize

Supervisors are encouraged to nominate recent PhDs, and self-nominations are also strongly welcomed. Please send a PDF including the title of your PhD dissertation and a brief abstract (up to 2 double-spaced pages) to christine.leslie@glasgow.ac.uk by 10 February 2020. Shortlisted candidates will be requested to submit electronic copies of their theses by 20 February 2020. Finalists will be notified by 19 March 2020.

Everyone appearing on the programme must register for the meeting. PhD students whose papers are accepted for the meeting may apply for funds to partially defray their travel costs by applying to the Francesca Carnevali Travel Grant for PhD Students. A limited number of scholarships are available from the Francesca Carnevali fund of the ABH to contribute towards the travel, accommodation and registration costs of students doing a PhD in the United Kingdom, who are presenting in the Slaven Workshop, the ABH conference or the Coleman Prize.

Further details can be found at - <https://www.gla.ac.uk/external/ABH>