CALL FOR PAPERS
Tony Slaven Doctoral Workshop in Business History

Joint Conference organized by:
Association of Business Historians (ABH) and
Gesellschaft für Unternehmensgeschichte (GUG)
27-28 May 2016
Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany

The ABH will hold its fifth annual Tony Slaven Doctoral Workshop on 26-27 May 2016. This event is immediately preceding the 2016 ABH Annual Conference held jointly with the Gesellschaft für Unternehmensgeschichte (GUG) at the Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany. Participants in the Tony Slaven Workshop are both welcome and 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 practicing academics in business history-related disciplines in an informal and supportive environment. Students at any stage of their doctoral career, whether in their first year or very close to submitting, are encouraged to attend. In addition to providing new researchers with an opportunity to discuss their work with others in a related discipline, the workshop will also include at least one skills-related workshop.

Business history doctoral work is spread over a large number of departments and institutions and by bringing students together for an annual workshop, we hope to strengthen links between students working on business history and related topics. For the purposes of the workshop the term ‘business history’ is therefore interpreted broadly, and it is intended that students in areas such as (but not confined to) the history of international trade and investment, financial history, agricultural history, not for profit organisations, government-industry relations, accounting history, social studies of technology, and historians or management or labour will find it of interest. Students undertaking topics with a significant business history related element but in disciplines other than economic and business history are therefore also welcome. We also welcome papers from students researching any era of history: modern, early modern, medieval, or classical.

First year students might wish to present an overview of their project, including research questions and methodology. Those at a more advanced stage of their work might wish to present part of a draft chapter, or focus on one particular section or aspect of their thesis. There will also be at least one workshop provided by regular ABH members which in the past included publication and ‘using sources’ workshops. There will be ample time for discussion of each student’s work and the opportunity to gain feedback from research active academics in the field.

Students interested in attending the workshop should send an application to:
Dr Mitch Larson
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1 Note that it may be necessary to travel to Berlin on 25 May to arrive in time for the workshop the next day.
You may apply via email to mjlarson@uclan.ac.uk. Please use the subject line “Tony Slaven Workshop”.

An 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 names of the student’s supervisors, the title of the thesis (a proposed title is fine), the university and department where the student is registered, and the date of commencement of thesis registration
3) a two-page abstract of the paper to be presented

The deadline for submissions is Friday, 15 January 2016. Notification of acceptance will be made by 25 March 2016.

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 both. These will be awarded competitively prior to the workshop. Please indicate in your application whether you would like to be considered for one of these travel grants.

For further information, please contact Dr Mitch Larson at the above e-mail address.

For more on the Tony Slaven Workshop and the ABH conference, see http://www.gla.ac.uk/external/ABH/.