

The Place of Industry

Monday 4th – Tuesday 5th November 2019

4th Annual SMG Research Conference

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9:00 Coffee and Registration

9:30 Welcome and housekeeping

9:45 Session 1

1A: Replicas and Models

Chair: Francesca Elliott

Speakers:

Anthony Coulls – A Century of Model Trains – from experiment to exhibition

Rachel Webster and David Gelsthorpe - Teaching the Essence of Life in the First Industrial City

Emily Malcolm - Artisans, Amateurs and the “Burmese Weaver Boy”

11:15 Break

11:45 Session 2 (parallel)

2A: Post-Industry

Chair: Dr Steven Leech

Speakers:

Dr Sarah Rawlins - Above the Noise - co-curating Bradford stories as part of Bradford’s National Museum Project

Dr Mike Nevell - Repurposing Cottonopolis: Textile Mills, Industrial Re-use and Place Making

2B: Place and People

Chair: Dr Alice Cliff

Speakers:

Dominic Sagar - Rag Tag Bags of People and Zones of Experimentation

Paul Rooney - Space, Place and Location: The Relocation and Political Economy of Ferranti Limited

Dr Richard Brook - Building Knowledge, Building Buildings: Cold War Computing Clusters in the North-West

13:15 Lunch

13:45-14:15 Explore highlights from our archive with archivists Jan and Emma (places limited)

14:15 Session 3

3A: Technicians

Chair: Sarah Baines

Speaker:

Andy Connelly - Technically speaking: a corpus linguistic study of the value of technicians

14:45 Break

15:00 Session 4 (parallel)

4A: Bringing Industry to Life

Chair: Jane Brown

Speakers:

Karen Baker and Ellen Tait - Factory & Palace; Departures & Destinations; Goods & People – duality of usage and how to interpret the Railway Museum's Station Hall

Bethan Ross - Bringing industrial history alive – Visitors and digital media exhibits; Lessons learnt from 20 years of prototype testing and research

Anthony Coulls - Get it in Steam! – Creating an Operating Vehicles Strategy for the National Railway Museum

4B: Industry and Society

Chair: Dr Geoff Belknap

Speakers:

Joshua McMullan - Operation Smash Hit: Communicating the safety of the Nuclear industry as it is travelling through your back garden.

Dr Elizabeth Bruton - Typewriters and changing roles and opportunities in the workplace at the turn of the twentieth century

Dr Eloise Moss - Worlds Away from Home? The Hotel Industry and National Identities in Britain, 1918-1980

Bob Gwynne and Dr Jonathan Ayles - SAGE to ROC – how cold war electronics influenced the development of today's railway.

16:30 Break

16:45 Keynote address

Mark Ball and Gabrielle Jenks - Manchester International Festival (TBC)

17:30 Activities (TBC)

19:00 Conference Dinner – HOME Manchester

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9:00 Coffee

9:45 Session 5

5A: Industry and Art

Chair: Professor Ludmilla Jordanova

Speakers:

Imogen Holmes-Roe – The Whitworth: A Place for Industry and Art

Katie Belshaw - Lowry and the urban landscape: shaping attitudes to industrial spaces

Luke Harrison - Rapid Prototyping of Soundscapes for Heritage Spaces using Ambisonics and 360 Video Technology

11:15 Break

11:45 Session 6 (parallel)

6A: The Industrious Spaces of Knowledge and Practice in Early Modern London

Chair: TBC

Speakers:

Jasmine Kilburn-Toppin - The Royal Mint as experimental space in early modern London

Jim Bennett - Sites of science and industry for Sir Samuel Morland

Rebekah Higgitt - Trinity House in Water Lane and the business and oversight of navigation in London

Noah Moxham - The navigational business of the East India Company, 1729 – c.1800

6B: People and Place

Chair: Dr Elizabeth Bruton

Speakers:

Abi Wilson - Philanthropic Industrialists and Industrious Philanthropists: The Impact of Sir Joseph Whitworth's Philanthropy on Manchester's Built Environment

Ben Russell - Workshops, studies and 'unprincipled roofs': The places and interconnections of the London engineers, 1800-1830

Professor Margaret Littler - Germans in Manchester

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14:15 Session 7

7A: Representations of the Industrial Revolution

Chair: George Young

Speakers:

Matthew Watson - Humphrey Jennings and the Place of Industry

Tim Boon - The presence of the industrial revolution in documentary films of the 1930s-1950s

Film screening (tbc)

15:40 Break

16:00 Keynote address

Dr Jennifer Tucker - Collecting the Future, Imagining the Past: Humphrey Jennings and Pandaemonium (1938-1950)

17:00 Conference close