Spaces and Places of Leisure, Recreation and Sociability in Early Modernity (c. 1500-1800)

19-21 May 2016

International Conference
Convener: Angela Schattner

THURSDAY, 19 MAY

12:30-13:00 Registration
13:00-13:30 Welcome
13:30-14:30 Keynote
Peter Borsay (Aberystwyth University)
Space, Place and Leisure in Urban Britain c. 1650-1850
14:30-15:00 Tea and Coffee

15:00-17:00 Panel I
Inns and Alehouses: Sociable Consumption
Mark Hailwood (University of Exeter)
Alehouses and sociability in Seventeenth Century England
Susanne Rau (Erfurt University)
Places of leisure and recreation? For a differentiation of public sociable places - Observations in early modern Lyon
Daniel Maudlin (University of Plymouth)
Geographies of social space and the 'principal inn' network in the British Atlantic world
17:00-17:30 Tea and Coffee

17:30-18:45 Panel II
Public Spaces: Access and Community
John Hunt (Utah Valley University)
Gaming and sociability in the streets of early modern Rome
Ihediwa Nkemjika Chimee (University of Nigeria)
The “Mbara” as a political and social space for the Igbo of southeastern Nigeria in pre-colonial and colonial periods

FRIDAY, 20 MAY

9:30-11:30 Panel III
Sports Places: Entertainment, Diplomacy and Networking
Laura Crombie (University of York)
Medieval traditions for early modern audiences; crossbow competitions in the Spanish Netherlands
Jean-Dominique Delle Luche (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales)
Civic spaces outside of the city: shooting ranges as leisure areas in Germany (15th-16th centuries)
Angela Schattner (University of Bremen)
Multiple functions: The sports places of early modern London
11:30-11:45 Tea and Coffee

11:45-13:00 Panel IV
Urban Riversides: Group Activities and Identities
Sahar Hosseinibajaladeh (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)
Riverine landscape of seventeenth century Isfahan: river as a site of leisure and recreation
Joshua Teplitsky (Stony Brook University)
“Scandalous Jewish Bathers:” Religious Conflict on the Banks of Prague’s Moldau
13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-16:00 Panel V
Urban Gardens: Social Change
Mirka Beneš (The University of Texas at Austin)
Private Sentiment and Public Decorum in the Age of Promenade: The Villa Gardens of Early Modern Rome as Spaces of Leisure and Sociability (1550 to 1650)

Asli Niyazioğlu (Koç University, Istanbul)
Gardens of Pleasure and the Ottoman Imagination in the Seventeenth-Century Istanbul

Richard Kurdiovsky (Austrian Academy of Sciences)
Habsburg Providing Spaces for the Subject’s Leisure – Public Open Spaces and Their Architecture in 18th Century Vienna

16:00-16:30 Tea and Coffee

16:30-18:30 Panel VI
Domestic Spaces: Transfer and Representation
Jyoti Pandey Sharma (Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology)
The Nabob and the Pursuit of Leisure: The Nabobian House, Spatial Hybridity and Recreation in 18th century Colonial India

Jon Stobart (Manchester Metropolitan University)
Making room for sociability in the eighteenth-century country house

Richard David Williams (University of Oxford)
Replicating sonic spaces: court music and sub-imperial politics in early modern India

19:00-21:00 Conference Dinner at the GHIL

SATURDAY, 21 MAY

9:30-10:45 Panel VII
Topographies: Multiplicity of Space
Antonieta Reis Leite (University of Coimbra)
Topographic and literary sources on leisure, recreation and sociability places and spaces at the sixteenth century Azores islands

Nuno Grancho (University of Coimbra)
Topography and comparison in a Portuguese colonial settlement in India

10:45-11:15 Tea and Coffee

11:15-12:30
Riitta Laitinen (University of Turku)
Homes and Taverns: multi-functional spaces and sociability in a seventeenth-century Swedish provincial town

Alexandr Osipian (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)
Market Square, city gates and outskirts: spaces of leisure, recreation and sociability in the city of Lemberg, 1500-1700

12:30-13:30 Comment by
Beat Kümin (University of Warwick)
Final Discussion