

The 19th British Legal History Conference

University of Exeter, Exeter UK
Wednesday 8th July – Saturday 11th July 2009

Making Legal History Methodologies, Sources and Substance

This conference addresses the two components of legal history research – its methodology and its substance, and papers reflecting both facets are most welcome.

The conference primarily considers the approaches, perspectives and methodologies of legal history. By drawing together the leading scholars in the field it seeks to stimulate debate, analyse and highlight the fundamental processes in the researching and writing of legal history. It will identify and explore both traditional and novel approaches to the use of diverse source materials, and discuss their nature, relative value and issues of interpretation. This is the first time the methodology of legal history has been an area of focus in an international conference, and it is hoped that through this pioneering collaborative venture a greater understanding and appreciation of the multi-dimensional qualities and diversity of our subject will be achieved. In addressing the making of legal history, the conference provides an opportunity for scholars in law, history and other disciplines to take stock of how they conceive and construct their legal history, while at the same time offering a showcase for substantive legal history research.

The conference organisers welcome papers concerning all jurisdictions, branches of the law and periods. Ideally, papers should reflect the conference theme. Contributions may be theoretical or exemplify a particular perspective, approach, or methodology through a substantive or empirical study. Papers reflecting the results of innovative legal history research are most welcome. Submissions from doctoral students are encouraged.

Proposals for papers (up to 500 words) are invited, to reach the organisers, preferably by email attachment, by **30th April 2008**. If potential contributors are unsure whether their proposals suitably reflect the theme, the organisers are very happy to be contacted informally by email.

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