Scotland, Europe and Empire in the Age of Adam Smith and Beyond

Centre Roland Mousnier – ECSSS – International Adam Smith Society
Université Paris Sorbonne 3-6 July 2013

Provisional Program (as of 25 March 2013)

Wed. 3 July
Morning: Registration begins

2:00–3:15/3:30 PM: First Sorbonne Tour

3:00–4:15/4:30 PM: Second Sorbonne Tour

5:00 PM Welcome
Denis Crouzet, U. Paris – Sorbonne/Director, Centre Roland Mousnier – UMR 8596
Jean-François Dunyach, U. Paris – Sorbonne/Centre Roland Mousnier – UMR 8596
Deidre Dawson, President – ECSSS
Ryan Patrick Hanley, President – IASS

5:15 PM Plenary Lecture 1
Chair: Richard B. Sher, New Jersey Institute of Technology/Rutgers U.-Newark

6:15 PM Reception and Buffet Dinner

Thurs. 4 July
9:00–10:30
Origins of the Scottish Enlightenment
Chair: Alexander Broadie, U. of Glasgow

Three Lexicographers Look at Scotland: Johnson, Boswell, and Shaw
Chair: Cecil Courtney, U. of Cambridge
1. Marina Dossena, U. degli Studi di Bergamo, “The Thistle and the Words: Scotland in Late Modern English Lexicography (on the Border of New Empires)”
2. Susan Rennie, U. of Glasgow, “‘A Useful Thing towards the History of the Language’: Boswell’s Dictionary of Scots”
Smith: Rhetoric, Fiction, and Science
Chair: Clotilde Prunier, U. Paris-Ouest Nanterre La Défense
3. Andreas Ortman, U. of New South Wales; Benoît Walraevens, U. of Caen; and Steven Meardon, Bowdoin College, “The Rhetorical Structure of Adam Smith’s The Wealth of Nations”

10:30–11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:00–12:30
Scottish Salonnières and English Men of the World: Anglo-Scottish Sociability in the Long Eighteenth Century
Chair: Mark Towsey, U. of Liverpool
1. Pam Perkins, U. of Manitoba, “The ‘Mrs Montague of Edinburgh’: Eliza Fletcher and Edinburgh Literary Culture”
3. Esther Wohlgemut, U. of Prince Edward Island, “’Wits jump’: John Robison and the Question of Transnational Sociability”

The American Troubles
Chair: Mark Spencer, Brock U.
2. Jay Voss, U. of Texas at Austin, “One Mark of the Progress of Society’: Hugh Blair’s Imperial Politics and the North American Reception of His Rhetoric”

Theories of Poverty and Exploitation
Chair: Ian Simpson Ross, U. of British Columbia

12:30–2:00 PM Break for Lunch

2:00–3:30
Rousseau, Hume and Smith
Chair: Deidre Dawson, Michigan State U.
2. Hina Nazar, U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, “‘Savages Inhabiting Cities’: Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Adam Smith on Autonomy and Sociability”
Dr William Cullen: Recent Re-Mappings
Chair: Ann Thomson, European U. Institute
3. David Shuttleton, U. of Glasgow, “Relaxed Habits and Historical Occlusions: William Cullen and the West Indies”

Music and Social Thought
Chair: Paulo Eurico Alves Variz, U. Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve

3:30–4:00 PM Coffee Break

4:00–5:45
Union, Empire and Revolution
Chair: C. Jan Swearingen, Texas A and M U.
1. John Young, U. of Strathclyde, “Scotland, France, and ‘Constitutional Jacobitism’ in the Age of the Union of 1707”
2. Barbara C. Murison, U. of Western Ontario, “Not Quite Right in the Head’?: Sir Alexander Murray: Identity, Improvement, and Empire”

Stadial Theory and Empire in the Scottish Enlightenment
Chair: Silvia Sebastiani, EHESS
1. Nathaniel Wolloch, Haifa, Israel, “Stadial Theory, Natural Resources, and Views of Non-Europeans from Adam Smith to Early Nineteenth-Century Political Economic Thought”
2. Frederick G. Whelan, U. of Pittsburgh, “Rome, Spain, and Empire: Explanations of Decline in Scottish Enlightenment Thought”
4. Ida Federica Pugliese, EHESS, “A Malay Black Legend? Ideas and Representation of Malays among the First Scottish Colonists in Singapore in the Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Century”

Smith and the Scots on Human Nature, Human Worth, and Identity
Chair: Youngmin Kim, Seoul National U.
2. Ernesto Garcia, U. of Massachusetts at Amherst, “Valuing Humanity: Smith and the Second-Person Relationship”

[6:00 PM ECSSS Executive Board Dinner Meeting]
8:00 PM Sorbonne Scholars concert

**Fri 5 July**
9:00–10:45 AM
**Expanding Horizons: Scotland’s Monuments and Empire**
Chair: Marina Dossena, U. degli Studi di Bergamo

**Critiques of Empire**
Chair: Jeng-Guo S. Chen, Sinica Academia
1. Robert E. Prasch, Middlebury College, “Adam Smith’s Criticism of Imperialism and the British East India Company”
2. Joseph Pappin, U. of South Carolina, “Adam Smith and Edmund Burke on Morality, Justice, and the Critique of Empire”

**Scots and the European Continent**
Chair: Jean-François Dunyach, U. Paris – Sorbonne, Centre Roland Mousnier – UMR 8596
1. László Kontler, Central European U., “Progressive Revelation: History and Protestant Theology in the Scottish and German Enlightenment”
3. Lauri Tähtinen, Brown U., “Portugal in Adam Smith and Adam Smith in Portugal”

10:45–11:15 AM Coffee Break

11:15–12:15 Plenary Lecture 2
   Chair: Ryan Patrick Hanley, Marquette U.
   Michael Biziou, U. of Nice, “Kant and Smith as Critics of Hume’s Theory of Justice: Property, Poverty and Redistribution of Wealth”

12:15–1:30 PM Break for Lunch

1:30 PM Excursion to museums and buffet dinner


**Sat 6 July**

9:00–10:30 AM

**The Poetics of Freedom and Empire**

Chair: Eun Kyung Min, Seoul National U.

2. Denys Van Renen, U. of Nebraska, “Purifying British Imperialism: The Scots’ Natural Mandate in Thomson’s *The Seasons*”

**Reinterpreting Smith: New Controversies**

Chair: Amartya Sen, Harvard U.


**Slavery and Empire**

Chair: Jane Rendall, U. of York


10:30–11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:00–12:45

**Smith on Manners and Morals**

Chair: Maria Paganelli, Trinity U.


**Cosmopolitanism and Natural Jurisprudence in Smith’s Thought**

Chair: Gordon Graham, Princeton Theological Seminary

1. Fonna Forman, U. of California at San Diego, “Smithian Cosmopolitanism for a Global Age”
3. Maria A. Carrasco, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, “Closing the Circle: From Sympathetic-Justice to Natural Jurisprudence in Adam Smith”
Scots in the Empire: Theory and Practice
Chair: Emma Rothschild, Harvard U.
2. Paul Tonks, Yonsei U., “Exploring a Scottish Vision of East Asia and Global Commerce before the ‘Great Divergence’: John Campbell and European Comparative Historical Discourse”
3. Bruce P. Lenman, U. of St Andrews, “Scots and the Penetration of the Spanish Caribbean from Darien to the Age of Enlightenment”

12:45–2:15 PM Break for Lunch

2:15–4:00 PM
Networks of Sociability and Science
Chair: Alex Benchimol, U. of Glasgow
1. Julie Danskin, U. of St Andrews, “Philosophes, Literati, Enlighteners All: Perceptions and Self-Perceptions of ‘Enlightened’ Networks in Britain, Europe, and America”
3. Eric Gidal, U. of Iowa, “Ossianic Telegraphy: Bardic Networks and Imperial Relays”

Smith and the Problem of Commerce
Chair: Tatsuya Sakamoto, Keio U.
1. Richard Schumacher, U. of Potsdam, “Adam Smith and International Trade: Between the Division of Labour and the Natural Order of Progress”
4. Spiros Tegos, U. of Crete, “The Coxcomb and the Poor Man’s Son: Adam Smith’s Tales of Commercial Ambition”

The Smithian Legacy
Chair: Daisuke Arie, Yokohama National U.
1. Anna Markwart, Jagiellonian U., “Fryderyk Skarbek and His Political Economy as a Part of Adam Smith’s Heritage”
2. Thierry C. Pauchant, HEC Montreal, “The Different Stories of Human Evolution: Adam Smith’s Forgotten Lecture in 1749, the Enlightenment and Us Today”
3. Toni Vogel Carey, independent scholar, “Invisible Hands, From Smith’s to Smolin’s”
4. Denis Melnik, National Research U. Higher School of Economics (Moscow), “Scottish Political Economy in the Russian Empire”

4:00–4:30 PM Coffee Break

4:30–5:30 PM Plenary Lecture 3
Chair: Fonna Forman, U. of California at San Diego
Amartya Sen, Harvard U., “On Smith’s and Hume’s Critiques of Imperialism”

5:30–6:30 PM ECSSSS AGM
8:00 PM  Conference Dinner at Le Procope