**The Second Inquisitions post mortem conference at the University of Winchester, 7-8 September 2014**

Inquisitions *post mortem* (IPMs) at The National Archives have been described as the single most important source for the study of landed society in later medieval England.

Following calendaring of the IPMs for 1422-47, the Arts and Humanities Research Council has funded *Mapping the Medieval Countryside*, the digitising of all the calendars on British History Online and the conversion into a webmounted interface of those for 1399-1447. This collaboration between the AHRC, University of Winchester, and Department for Digital Humanities, King’s College London reaches fruition this year.

A previous conference in 2010 banked the discoveries of the calendaring about the operation of the system and its potential for future studies – demographic, economic, political, social etc. Proceedings were published as *The Fifteenth-Century Inquisitions post mortem: A Companion*, ed. Michael Hicks, Boydell& Brewer (Woodbridge, 2012). The digitising project enhances the IPMs for 1399-1422 and numerous interim findings are to be found in the featured IPMs, blogs and news on the project website [www.blog.inquisitionspostmortem.ac.uk/](http://www.blog.inquisitionspostmortem.ac.uk/) This conference critically explores other aspects of the IPMs and their uses. Whilst further projects are also planned, future scholars anywhere will be able to exploit this enhanced digital resource to a much fuller extent than hitherto.

The conference runs for 24 hours on Sunday 7th - Monday 8th September 2014. It is located at the University of Winchester’s West Downs site (the Business School) in Romsey Road, Winchester

**Location**.On West Hill (a real hill!) to the west of the city. Walkable uphill from the station: more sensible to take a taxi. Directions http://www.winchester.ac.uk/contactusandmaps/Documents/How%20to%20find%20the%20University%20of%20Winchester%20%28West%20Downs%29.pdf

**Registration Fee**: £20.

**Residential accommodation**: West Downs and is ensuite. The full residential package costs £100.

**Non-residents**. This includes all sessions for both days, price £60.

**Discount:** for postgraduates and the unwaged. £40 (residential), £20 non-residents.

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**Programme**

**Sunday 7 September 2014**

**12-2pm Registration**

**SESSION 1: 2.15pm – 4.30 pm**

Christopher Dyer Landscape and society in an English region - the West

Midlands as perceived through the Inquisitions *post mortem*

Stephen Mileson Beyond dots and distributions: large-scale mapping of the medieval landscape

Matthew Tompkins Mills in the early 15th century: the view from the IPMs

4.30pm Tea

**SESSION 2: 5pm - 6.30 pm**

Matthew Holford Widows and dowagers 1399-1447

Katie Clarke Churching: women at the centre of a religious practice.

Michael Hicks What went on in the Medieval Church

6.30 Break for Dinner

**SESSION 3: 8.15pm - 9.30 pm**

William Deller Proofs of Age 1246 to 1430: Problems and Possibilities

**Monday 8 September 2014**

**SESSION 4: 9 am – 10.40 am**

Jackson Armstrong Naming practices, the bottom of political society, and

TheInquisitions*post mortem*

Janette Garrett The Administration and Efficiency of the Inquisitions *post mortem* Process. A Case study of Northumberland

Gordon McKelvie Non-English IPMs

10.40 am Coffee

**SESSION 5**: 11am - 1pm

11.00 Simon Payling Land Disputes and the Manipulation of the Inquisitions

*post mortem'*

11.45 Paul Spence Mapping, Modelling, Transforming: Reflections on Research Collaborations between History and the Digital Humanities

12.30 Demonstration of the Database

1pm Buffet Lunch.Conference Ends

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**BOOKING FORM (deadline 31 July)**

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I require a vegetarian diet YES/ NO

Please book me places as follows:

…. Conference Registration fee(s) @ £20 £ ……

Residential (all ensuite single in West Downs)

…. Residential bookings @ £100 £ …..

…. Residential bookings bed and packed breakfast 5th September @ £50 £ …. .

….Non-residential bookings @ £60 £…

**Subtotal**  £…

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Postgraduate/ unwaged discount residential rate £40 £…

Postgraduate/ unwaged discount non-residential rate £20 £…

**Total due**  £ ….

Please make cheque payable to ‘The University of Winchester’ and mail to Prof. M.A. Hicks, University of Winchester, Winchester SO22 4NR. Contactable on Michael.Hicks@winchester.ac.uk