

POSTGRADUATE PERSPECTIVES ON THE PAST: EDITORIAL

The third volume of the *Postgraduate Perspectives* represents the breadth and depth of postgraduate research in history and related disciplines. The four articles in this volume range from witchcraft and chivalry in the late Middle Ages, the historiography of the English East India Company, gendered political persecution in post-WW2 Czechoslovakia, and the roots of heritage management in England. These contributions originated in the postgraduate history student conferences in 2017 and 2018 at the University of Huddersfield.

Both the conferences and this journal are organised and edited by the postgraduate students themselves – with a helping hand from members of staff. The journal articles were peer-reviewed by members of staff from the History Division at the University of Huddersfield, in an effort to support future academics gaining experience in the academic publication process. Both the journal and the conference were instigated by History @ Huddersfield to close a gap in postgraduate provision in the UK: while students are supported in writing their dissertations, support to make the first steps into academia is somewhat lacking. Particularly the “paper mill” – submission, review, revision, etc – can be a daunting task for junior academics; this journal tries to address this by providing guidance to postgraduate through this process, without sacrificing on academic rigour.

This also represents History @ Huddersfield’s commitment to collaborative and cooperative scholarship. “Co-production” of historical knowledge is one of the division’s main strands, and the postgraduate conference and journal is one of the strand’s flagship activities, besides community engagement. We take pride in encouraging and enabling our students to publish often and early.

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