Port Towns and Urban Cultures Conference

Portsmouth 25th - 27th July 2013

The Port Towns and Urban Cultures Conference website and programme

The increasing interest in ‘coastal and Atlantic histories’ have drawn historians’ attention to the importance of port towns. The waterfront was the intersection of maritime and urban space and the port town was often a unique site of cultural exchange that both reinforced and challenged local, national and imperial boundaries. The conference, organised by the University of Portsmouth and the National Museum of the Royal Navy and to be held in Portsmouth’s Historic Dockyard, will bring together scholars from around the globe who work on maritime and urban histories.

The Port Towns and Urban Cultures Blog

Aiming to produce a report on all papers and make available on the website in the coming days
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Strange now it’s over but such a great experience! Had an amazing time @PortPTUC. Lot’s of food for thought #porttownshub

Conference almost over. Wonderful few days with great debates and ideas. Thanks to all speakers and everyone for coming! #porttownshub
Just a huge thank you to @LornaMCampbell and @paulgilchrist for all the tweets - very much appreciated #porttownshub

Great time at the Port Towns and Urban Cultures Conference. So proud of our team and our city. #porttownshub

All that can be said is a simply fantastic time @PortPTUC conference! #porttownshub

Really enjoyed Port Towns conference. Excellent papers, friendly organisers and fabulous venues. Thanks all! #porttownshub

Sari Maenpaa on sailors and their pets. #porttownshub

Fascinating papers on stereotyping sailors by Tomas Nilson & policing maritime labour force by Jonathan Hyslop #porttownshub

Jo Byrne, University of Hull, presented on her research project After The Trawl...
In the 1970’s and 1980’s, did YOU live through the changes that affected fishing, the fisheries, and the communities that were vital to the fishing industry?

**After the Trawl**

In 1976, a combination of rising oil prices, declining fish stocks and changes in international policy forced Hull’s distant-water trawl...
Another outstanding day at the PTUC conference - conference dinner later at The Royal Naval Club and Royal Albert Yacht Club #porttownshub

Drinks at the Royal Naval Club

@PortPTUC LUP have a new Studies in Port and Maritime History book series plus the renowned Exeter Maritime Studies series #porttownshub

Representations and imagined communities Panel 6 at PTUC #porttownshub
PTUC's very own @melanie_bassett - great paper on Edwardian Dockyard Workers #porttownshub

Panel 5 looking at Port Towns, Heritage and Urban Regeneration #porttownshub

Great papers by Tytti Steel, Daniel Swan and Caroline Withall on Port Town life and work. Just breaking for lunch #porttownshub

Tytti Steel - sailors may have had a woman in every port, but some women had a sailor on every ship! #porttownshub

Tytti Steel talking about sailors' pubs and "professional women" in Kotka, Finland in the 1940s. #porttownshub

Tytti also mentioned the story of the "Rose from Kotka", which became a popular tango

The Rose from Kotka (2010)
http://www.videofolio.pro/en/kotkan-ruusu/
Excellent paper earlier from Caroline Withall from Oxford on pauper apprentices in port towns
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Daniel Swan - firsthand evidence of women dockyard workers being discriminated against for being too efficient #porttownshub

Daniel Swan talking about blurring of gender boundaries and divisions during wartime #porttownshub
Checked my family history....some distant cousins ran the Union Tavern at Portsmouth Point between 1880s and 1910s @PortPTUC #porttownshub

Panel 4 Port Town Life and Work #porttownshub

Lovely view from the Royal Naval Club today #porttownshub pic.twitter.com/QUiWXUfxFS

Robert Gilchrist - Bard of Tyneside

Giving a paper on Robert Gilchrist bardoftyneside.info today at @PortPTUCorporttownshub

Bard of Tyneside - Robert Gilchrist (1797 - 1844)

Robert Gilchrist (1797 - 1844), worked as a sailmaker in Newcastle during a period of major change in the town. He published over a hund...
Luecke citing evangelical evidence of sailors claiming to be led into sin by the works of Thomas Payne. #porttownshub

Mirelle Luecke from Pittsburgh talking about "Sinning Seamen: the mariners church & the New York waterfront" #porttownshub

Melanie Holihead - many sailors' wives employed in stay making because Portsmouth was the corset making capital of the world! #porttownshub

Melanie Holihead talking about how the monthly pay allotment increased the attractiveness of sailors post 1850 #porttownshub
Hannah Hagmark talking about perceptions of sailors wives #porttownshub pic.twitter.com/kTBeXelFt4

Hannah rounded off her presentation with the "Nantucket Girls' Song"

I have made up my mind now to be a Sailor's wife,
To have a purse full of money and a very easy life,
For a clever sailor husband is so seldom at his home,
That his wife can spend the dollars with a will that's all her own,
Then I'll haste to wed a sailor, and send him off to sea,
For a life of independence is the pleasant life for me,
But every now and then I shall like to see his face,
For it always seemes to me to beam with manly grace,
With his brow so nobly open, and his dark and kindly eye,
Oh my heart beats fondly towards him whenever he is nigh,
But when he says Goodbye my love, I'm off across the sea
First I cry for his departure, then laugh because I'm free,
Yet I'll welcome him most gladly, whenever he returns
And share with him so cheerfully all the money that he earns
For he's a loving Husband, though he leads a roving life
And well I know how good it is to be a Sailor’s Wife.
2nd day of the PTUC conference starting soon - great papers lined up another outstanding day #porttownshub

The Royal Naval Club - venue for the second and third days of the Port Towns and Urban Cultures Conference

Day 2 PTUC conference and what a venue at Royal Naval Club! Some interesting speakers lined up for today. #porttownshub
Louise Moon
louisemoon30
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Wonderful conference dinner aboard HMS Victory #porttownshub
pic.twitter.com/BNU6NYnNBinNBi

Venue for Port Towns conference drinks & buffet #porttownshub pic.twitter.com/9wvpzl8c088c08
Tweet from HMS Victory, lower gun deck for the PTUC reception after an outstanding 1st day of conference #porttownshub

If you haven’t already looked - check out our new website porttowns.port.ac.uk#porttownshub @ejb1979 • 5 YEARS AGO

Very interesting points raised by Isaac Land on transnational port towns. Now boarding HMS Victory for drinks. #porttownshub

Land quoting Obi Wan Kenobi on port towns - "a wretched hive of scum and villainy" #porttownshub

In response to Land, think there is a distinct North Atlantic community that local people identify with. #porttownshub

Land - Is global oceanic too big? An inhuman scale? Who identifies themselves in terms of oceans? #porttownshub

Land talking about The "oceans connect initiative" ducis.jhfc.duke.edu/archives/ocean... chporttownshub#porttownshub
Isaac Land keynote “Are port towns transnational?” #porttownshub
pic.twitter.com/YSmsCzuCsG

The conference keynote “Are Port Towns Transnational?” was delivered by Isaac Land of Indiana State University.

Isaac Land keynote speaker - Are port towns transnational? #porttownshub
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Indiana State University: Department of History
Isaac Land received his B.A. from Oberlin College and his M.A. and PhD from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He was a Fulbright Sch...
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A Life of Duty and Service by Lorna M. Campbell and Heather Noel-Smith

Good paper on life of duty and service of Napoleonic officers paper by L Campbell and H Noel-Smith @LornaMCampbell #porttownshub
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A Life of Duty and Service

Post-war political and social activism of Napoleonic era naval officers

By Lorna M. Campbell and

Paper submitted to Port Towns and Urban Cultures Conference, Portsmouth, July 2013, by Lorna M. Campbell and Heather Noel-Smith
Eleanor O'Keefe talking about the celebration of Jutland Day, naval identity in Newcastle #porttownshub pic.twitter.com/gz8DVR6MZS6MZS

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Panel 2 just about to start. First paper by Eleanor O'Keeffe #porttownshub

Simon Smith @SMGSmith

Interesting paper by Nick Hewitt. Looking forward to panel 2! #porttownshub
Brad Beavan kicking off the Port Towns conference #porttownshub
pic.twitter.com/HX4YfpVyp5Vyp5

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Interesting 1st panel looking at the Royal Navy in Port Towns #porttownshub
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Good crowd here already and getting underway shortly. For further updates follow #porttownshub
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Day one of the Conference took place at the National Museum of the Royal Navy at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Welcome | Royal Naval Museum at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
Homepage for the Royal Naval Museum at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, dedicated to preserving and displaying the historical heritage of th...

Follow @PortPTUC #porttownshub to see what’s happening in the Museum’s Princess Royal Gallery today, tomorrow and Saturday

PTUC conference - not long until we start!! Follow us on #porttownshub for updates
Shame it clashes with #porttownshub - best wishes to all at that, especially 1st speaker Dr Ann Coats, my successor as chair of @navdocksoc

Not long now - we look forward to welcoming everyone to the PTUC conference tomorrow in Portsmouth starting at the @NMRNP #porttownshub

Finally on my way to Portsmouth for Port Towns & Urban Cultures Conference. Looking forward to it :) #porttownshub

Stay updated with all the latest news from the PTUC conference by following us & on #porttownshub

Blogged: Port Towns paper - A Life of Duty & Service
indefatigable1797.wordpress.com/2013/07/24/a-l...pressslideshare.net/LornaMCampbell...#porttownshub#navalhistory

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Port Towns and Urban Cultures

One more day to go until the Port Towns and Urban Cultures conference, with speakers and delegates from around the globe! Don't forget conference updates and comments can be followed on here and on Twitter twitter.com/PortPTUC #porttownshub We look forward to welcoming everyone to the conference tomorrow - starting at the National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth.

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Lorna M. Campbell

I'll be presenting a paper here later in the week: Port Towns and Urban Cultures Conference porttowns.port.ac.uk/port-towns-and...orporttownshub #porttownshub

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