

# CENTRE FOR HISTORY AND ECONOMICS

## Petitioning and Political Cultures in South Asia

Magdalene College  
Cripps Seminar Room 2, 4-5 June, 2014

**9:30 - Coffee**

**9:45 Opening Remarks**

**10:00- 12:15 - Panel I**

Abhishek Kaicker (Harvard University)  
'Petitions, Peoples and the Late-Mughal Judicial Order'

Robert Travers (Cornell University)  
'Petitioning and the making of a colonial judicial state in Eighteenth-Century Bengal'

Rosalind O'Hanlon (University of Oxford)  
'Gota, Majalis and Panchayat: Petitioning and Judicial Institutions in western India, c. 600-1820'

Discussant: David Washbrook (University of Cambridge)

**12:15- 1:30 - Lunch**

**1:30 -3:15 - Panel II**

Philip Stern (Duke University)  
'Petitions, Civil Society, and the Making of Sovereignty in Seventeenth-Century Bombay'

Aparna Balachandran (University of Delhi)  
'*Mamul* in the City: Urban petitions in Early Colonial Madras'

Discussant: William O'Reilly (University of Cambridge)

**3:15- 3:30 Tea break**

**3:30- 5:15 - Panel III**

Jon Wilson (King's College London)  
'Petitions and the Decline of Relational Power in Nineteenth- Century India'

Bhavani Raman (University of Toronto)  
'Form and Performance: Sincerity and Authority in Early Colonial Petitioning'

Discussant: Tim Harper (University of Cambridge)

**7:00 – Drinks** - The Cloister, Magdalene College

**7.30 – Dinner** - The Parlour, Magdalene College

## **Day II**

### **9:15 - Coffee**

### **9:30-11:45- Panel IV**

Julie Stephens (University of Cambridge)  
'Princes & Paupers: Petitioning and Late Colonial Governance'

Prashant Kidambi (University of Leicester)  
'Exception, Exemption and Expediency: some reflections on the 'riot tax' petitions in Bombay'

Discussant: Fei-Hsien Wang (Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge)

### **11:45- 12:45 - Lunch**

### **12:45-3:00 – Panel V**

Rohit De (University of Cambridge)  
'Petitioning around the Cow: Writ Petitions in the Indian Republic'

Nayankika Mathur (University of Cambridge)  
'Petitioning to Kill and Claim: Governing Man Eating Big Cats in Uttarakhand India'

Matthew Hull (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)  
'Parchis, Petitions and Political Connections'  
Discussant: Joya Chatterji (University of Cambridge)

### **3:00-3:15 - Coffee**

### **3:15-4:15 - Roundtable**

Chair: Emma Rothschild (Cambridge/Harvard), Robert Travers, Rohit De

### **4:30 – Meeting Concludes**