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Jack Abernethy has published 'Scottish Involvement in an Anglo-Dutch Army in Danish Service: Reassessing the 'English' Expedition of Sir Charles Morgan, 1627-9', *Northern Studies*, 53 (2022), pp. 42-59. A second article will follow shortly: 'Flying the Late King's Colours': Royalist Privateering during the First Anglo-Dutch War, 1652-1654', *The Mariner's Mirror*, 109:1 (February 2023), pp. 18-36.

Jacob Baxter published 'Admiration, Anger and Envy: Descriptions of the Dutch Golden Age in English Print' in Arthur der Weduwen and Malcolm Walsby (eds.), *The Book World of Early Modern Europe: Essays in Honour of Andrew Pettegree, Volume 2* (Leiden: Brill, 2022), pp. 182-210. Jacob has also spoken about his research in a number of fora, both in St Andrews and at the Renaissance Society of America, the European University Institute, and the British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies.

Dr Emily E. Betz successfully defended her PhD thesis in December: *The "English Disease": Identities of Melancholy in Early Modern England*.

Arthur der Weduwen has published *State Communication and Public Politics in the Dutch Golden Age* (Oxford: Oxford University Press for The British Academy, 2023) and also 'Rechtsnoer des rechts, breidel des onrechts. Het *Hollandts Placcaet-Boeck* (1645)', in Wim van Anrooij and Paul Hoftijzer (eds.), *Tot publijcque dienst der studie. Boeken uit de Bibliotheca Thysiana* (Hilversum: Verloren, 2022), pp. 160-161.

Bridget Heal has published 'Lutheran popular belief and practice during the Thirty Years War' in Kaspar von Greyerz and Anselm Schubert (eds), *Reformation und Reformationen: Kontinuitäten, Identitäten, Narrative* (Gütersloh, 2022), pp. 119-138.

Emily Michelson spoke at the Edinburgh History of Christianity Seminar on 5 December: "Upsetting Conversion Stories from Early Modern Rome."

Andrew Pettegree and **Arthur der Weduwen** were Visiting Professors at the University of Padua between 9 and 16 January, and spoke on three occasions to its faculty and students on the history of libraries, printing and bibliography.

This year's **St Andrews Book History Conference** will take the theme of 'Early Modern Publishers', and will be held between 29 June and 1 July 2023. It is being organised by Prof Ian Maclean, Barnaby Cullen and Arthur der Weduwen. If you are interested in contributing, please email adw7@st-andrews.ac.uk or bgc3@st-andrews.ac.uk.

Applications are invited...

For the following School of History **M.Litt Programmes**: M.Litt in Early Modern and Reformation History; M.Litt in Book History. For further information, see the School of History website: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/history/prospective/pgt/

Professor Hamish Scott

We were saddened to hear of the death of Emeritus Wardlaw Professor Hamish Scott in December 2022 in Oxford.

Hamish was the world's leading historian of European international relations between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries and, in a second vibrant string to his bow, in recent decades had established himself as one of the great authorities on European nobilities in the same era.

Hamish published more than 60 essays and articles, and several highly regarded books. The most important of these were *British Foreign Policy in the Age of the American Revolution* (Oxford, 1990) and *The Emergence of the Eastern Powers, 1756-1775* (CUP, 2001), both of which established him as a master of his field. Hamish was already seen as an authority thanks to his book (co-written with Derek McKay) *The Rise of the Great Powers, 1648-1815* (Longman, 1983), a theme to which Hamish returned in *The Birth of a Great Power System, 1740-1815* (Longman, 2006): both surveys are highly rated by historians and modern international relations scholars.

He was also renowned for his ability to enlist scholars from around the world to produce essays for volumes he edited. The most notable of these were the two-volume *The European Nobilities in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries* (Longman, 1995); the two-volume *Oxford Handbook of Early Modern European History, 1350-1750* (OUP, 2015); and the single-volume *Enlightened Absolutism: Reform and Reformers in later Eighteenth-Century Europe* (Macmillan, 1990).

Current undergraduates, and those of generations to come, will be grateful for these indispensable starting points on early modern history. Past St Andrews students were equally grateful for his time, care for them, and preparation of source packs still stocked in the University library.

Hamish started his teaching career at the University of Birmingham in 1970, and came to St Andrews in 1979, staying for 30 years and proving a pillar of the School of History. His courses were consistently popular and challenging, and one of them is still going in a revised form. In 2006 he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy and promoted to Wardlaw Professor at St Andrews before retiring in 2009. In recent years, after he and his wife Professor Julia Smith moved to Oxford (as she took up the Chichele Professorship in Medieval History), Hamish was elected to a Senior Research Fellowship of Jesus College.

It was typical of his energy and insatiable historical curiosity – and his fascination for high political (and academic) intrigue – that in the months before his passing he should have completed a monumental study of European aristocracy between the 14th and 19th centuries, which should be published by Oxford University Press in the coming year. But it was equally typical of his life and career that right up to his death Hamish was actively encouraging and supporting junior scholars, and mentoring even senior academics, in their research.

Hamish will be deeply missed in St Andrews and by the scholarly community everywhere.

Professor Guy Rowlands

Early Modern and Reformation Seminar Programme Semester 2, 2022-2023

Seminars will take place at 5.15 in the Old Class Library, St John's House

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| 26 Jan (week 2) | Laura Kounine (Sussex)
"Not a drop of tears, or any sweat from fear came from her": Interrogating mind, body, and emotions in early modern German witch-trials' |
| 2 Feb (week 3) | Ray Schrire (Tel Aviv)
'From the Grammar School to the Royal Society: a Cognitive History of the Wonderful Outcomes of a Humanistic Failure' |
| 9 Feb (week 4) | Ellie Woodacre (Winchester)
'Examining the Resources and Revenues of Royal Women in Premodern Europe' |
| 23 Feb (week 6) | Laura Sangha (Exeter)
'Biblical Role Models and Popular Protestantism in England's Long Reformation.' |
| 16 March (week 8) | Jane Crawshaw (Oxford Brooks)
'Building memories of natural disasters in early modern Europe.' |
| 30 March (week 10) | Sarah Johanesen (Manchester)
'Faith on Trial? The materialisation of Catholic identities in British courts and on the scaffold (c.1558-1640)' |