

# Medieval Government Finance: Innovation and Experimentation

## Online workshop 27 April 2021 – Call for Papers

Keynote address by Dr. Richard Cassidy, Specialist in Medieval English Government Finance

### On-line workshop, 27 April

This online workshop, hosted by University of Reading, will be held on Tuesday 27 April 2021. We are inviting abstracts (300 words) from **Postgraduate Research** and **Early Career Historians** for papers to be presented at the workshop on the subject of **Medieval Government Finance: Innovation and Experimentation**.

This workshop will be held exclusively online to maximise global participation and help foster an international community of interest amongst postgraduate research and early career historians in the field more generally of Medieval Finance. The theme for this particular workshop is Innovation and Experimentation in Medieval Government Finance. Our aim is to host future similar workshops annually.

### Innovation and Experimentation

Medieval Governments regularly innovated and experimented with ways of raising revenue and managing expenditure to achieve their goals. This workshop is an opportunity for Postgraduate and Early Career Historians to share current research on any theme of medieval Government finance that addresses themes of innovation and experimentation, including:

- Tax
- Other forms of revenue
- Budgeting and accounting
- Expenditure management and control
- Governance
- Debt and credit management
- Investment
- Capital expenditure

The workshop will commence with a keynote talk from Dr. Richard Cassidy, one of the leading specialists in Medieval English Government Finance (<https://kcl.academia.edu/RichardCassidy>).

One of our aims in hosting the workshop is to foster a community of interest amongst postgraduate research and early career historians. This workshop is therefore an excellent opportunity for researchers in the field of Medieval Finance to present and receive feedback on their current areas of work and build networks with others specialists in this field.

### Scope and Format of Papers

We are keen to attract papers that address the theme of innovation and experimentation from across a variety of medieval geographies. We are also keen to consider all levels of Government, including local, city, state and supra-national within the time period c.450AD – c.1450AD.

Papers should be presented in English and last 20 minutes, with an opportunity for questions afterwards. We will use appropriate online technology to host the workshop and encourage participants to prepare slides to accompany their papers.

As we are keen to maximise global participation in the workshop, we will be as flexible as possible in the timing of contributions on the day. Please let us know of any preferred time for presenting your paper in submitting your abstract.



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### Submission of abstracts

Please submit abstracts (maximum 300 words) by **Friday 19 February 2021** to Andy Ford, University of Reading at [jw898873@student.reading.ac.uk](mailto:jw898873@student.reading.ac.uk). Please also use this address for any questions you may have about the workshop.

Our aim is to finalise the timetable for the workshop and inform participants by **Monday 1 March 2021**.