

**Working with Dust:
Health, Dust & Diseases in the History of Occupational Health**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Monday 10th April 2006

- 12.30 - 1.00 pm Arrival, registration in the Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies
- 1.00 - 2.00 pm Lunch in the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies
- 2.00 - 2.15 pm Welcome by Jo Melling
- Session 1** **Textiles & anthrax**
2.15 - 3.45
Chair: Roger Burt
- Tim Carter, Centre for the History of Medicine, University of Birmingham
Anthrax is no accident: testimony on dust & working conditions in the wool mills of Kidderminster
- Rosemary Wall, Centre for the History of Science, Technology & Medicine, Imperial College London
Anthrax in Bradford: Workers' and the general public's understanding of deadly disease in the workplace in the late nineteenth century
- 3.45 - 4.15 pm Tea & coffee
- Session 2** **Textiles, technology & health politics**
4.15 - 5.30 pm
Chair: Helen Blackman
- Janet Greenlees, CHSTM, University of Manchester
The role of technology in health reform campaigns: case studies from the cotton textile industries, c. 1880-1939
- Pamela Dale, Centre for Medical History, University of Exeter
Dangerous kissing or treacherous oil? Understanding community responses to occupational disease in Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire 1900 - 1956
- EVENING**
- 7.00 pm Dinner in Holland Hall
- 8.30 pm Film showings led by
Michael Clark, University College London
Catherine Mills, Centre for Medical History, University of Exeter

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DAY 2: Tuesday 11th April 2006

Session 3 9.30 – 11.00 am Chair: Ronnie Johnston	Silicosis and tuberculosis Jo Melling <i>Beyond a shadow of a doubt? Knowledge, expertise and politics in debates over the use of x-ray technology in debates on workers' silicosis in the UK., c. 1919-1945</i> John Davies, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg <i>Silicosis & tuberculosis among miners in South Africa during the 20th Century</i>
11.00 – 11.30 am	Tea & coffee
Session 3/continued 11.30 – 12.15	Criena Fitzgerald, University of Western Australia <i>Treating tuberculosis in miners as Miners' Phthisis: an occupational health solution to a public health problem, Western Australia, 1900- 1926</i>
12.15 – 1.30 pm	Lunch in Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies
Session 4 1.30 – 3.45 pm Chair: Fred Mintz	Silicosis in Europe & North America Alfredo Menéndez Navarro, University of Granada <i>Autarky, health insurance and political repression: The Silicosis Scheme in Early Francoist Spain, 1941-1960</i> Gerald Markowitz, City University of New York <i>Silicosis and the law in 20th century America: reflections on US legal history</i>
3.45 – 4.15 pm	Tea & coffee
Session 5 4.15 – 5.45 pm Chair: Catherine Mills	Understanding coal miners' health issues in the 20th century Andrew Perchard, University of the Highlands & Islands Millennium Institute <i>A limited knowledge of deadly dust: employers, scientists & mining education in Scotland, c. 1911-1946</i> Ronnie Johnston, Glasgow Caledonian Univesith Arthur McIvor, University of Strathclyde <i>The NCB & the coal dust problem in British coal mining, 1930s- 1990s</i>

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7.00 for 7.30 pm

Conference Dinner at Old Timers Restaurant, Castle Street, Exeter

DAY 3: Wednesday 12th April 2006

Session 6

9.00 – 10.30 am

Chair: Jonathan Barry

From global labour markets to domestic labour

Amarjit Kaur, University of New England, Australia
Work, the Environment and illness in Malaya, 1880 – 1940: Rubber plantations, tin mines and migrant labour

Mark Jackson, Centre for Medical History, University of Exeter
House, dust, and work: new perspectives on health and the indoor environment

10.30 – 11.00 am

Tea & coffee

Session 7

11.30 am – 1.00 pm

Chair: Jo Melling

New frontiers in researching the working environment

Chris Sellers, State University, New York

New frontiers in the history of work & the environment

Round table discussion

1.00 pm

Lunch in the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies & departure