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Call for Papers: Abolition of the Slave Trade in 1807

Posted on H-Net Announcements (May, 2006).

Location: University of York, UK.

CFP Deadline: July 31, 2006.

The University of York is organising an international bicentenary conference looking at the meaning and impact across the Atlantic world of the formal abolition of the slave trade in 1807. The city of York was one of the political arenas in which the abolitionist William Wilberforce fought the cause, and the department of history has long been associated with pioneering scholarship on the history of slavery and black studies in the UK.

Scholars new and established, and from all disciplines, are invited to contribute to Abolitions, 1807-2007 on the themes listed below:

Africa and abolition;

The European slave powers and the legacy of slavery and abolition (Denmark, France, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, UK);

The Caribbean and abolition;

Depicting slavery and antislavery: satire, caricature, portrait and landscape painting, theatre writing;

Slavery and anti-slavery: poetry, memoirs, auto/biography, the novel

The first centenary of abolition: 1907;

Slave cities: Liverpool, Bristol, Glasgow, Nantes, Bordeaux, Charleston, New

Orleans, Copenhagen, Rotterdam, Cartegena;

The legacy of abolition in the modern anti-slavery movement;

Heritage studies and anti-slavery;

Anti-slavery memorials.

Postgraduate bursaries to support the cost of attending the conference will be available.

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