

**Call for papers – Symposium: Voices in the Justice System: Agency of Victims, Plaintiffs, Witnesses and the Accused in Global Perspective (June 9<sup>th</sup> 2022)**

**Location: International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, in collaboration with the N.W. Posthumus Institute**

The research group Tolerant Migrant Cities? The Case of Holland 1600-1900 in collaboration with the N.W. Posthumus Institute are pleased to announce that they will be organizing a symposium on agency in the justice system in global perspective on **9<sup>th</sup> June 2022** 9:30 to 17:30 at the International Institute of Social History (IISG) in Amsterdam.

The aim of this symposium is to connect scholars working on the history of crime and justice across various chronological periods and geographic regions. In doing so we hope to open up the theme of crime and justice into a global perspective. By focusing on how historians approach criminal justice sources to better understand the daily lives and agency of those who came into contact with various courts and legislations through time, we hope to facilitate discussion and exchange of global sources and methodologies between historians from different networks and disciplines. In doing so, the difficulties and opportunities in using legal source material in order to reveal something about the agency and daily lives of those who came into contact with the justice system will form the central theme.

The symposium aims to broaden the knowledge of (early career) researchers by inviting presentations by experienced scholars in the subject of legislation, crime and justice in a global perspective, as well as offering a platform for post-doctoral researchers, PhD-candidates, and ResMa students to share their own research and connect with other researchers working on similar subjects or source types.

We are delighted to announce two keynote presentations:

**Prof. Robert Shoemaker** (University of Sheffield) has published widely on social and cultural history, particularly urban history, gender history and the history of crime, justice and punishment. Together with Professor Tim Hitchcock (University of Sussex) and the late Professor Clive Emsley (1944-2020), he initiated the Old Bailey Proceedings Online. Currently he is part of an interdisciplinary project funded by the ESRC on long-term patterns of victims' access to justice in England over the course of three centuries.

**Prof. Nandini Chatterjee** (University of Exeter) has published widely on law and cultural exchanges in the British and Mughal empires, with a particular attention to religion and family. She is currently directing an international and collaborative five-year ERC-funded digital humanities project on Persian and bilingual legal documents from India, Iran and the northern Indian Ocean. She is also currently working on her second book on a rare micro-history of a landed lineage and their negotiation of the laws of the Mughal empire.

The final schedule of the symposium will be posted in May but besides the keynote presentations and the presentations by **Dr. Marjolein Schepers** (University of Brussels) and **Sophie Rose** (Leiden University), there will be room for **discussions panels**. Interested participants can apply to present their research within one of these panels or register to visit the symposium as attendants.

Registration and attendance at the symposium is free of charge. Please note that lunch will not be provided but can be purchased in the IISH canteen or in the area nearby. Coffee and tea as well as a drinks reception at the end of the symposium will be provided.

(Early career) scholars who are interested in attending and presenting as part of a panel are invited to send an abstract (c. 300 words) before **5<sup>th</sup> April 2022** to [tolerantmigrantcities@gmail.com](mailto:tolerantmigrantcities@gmail.com). Selected candidates will be notified by the end of April. Those selected to present will be notified of the exact programme at a later date, although we expect presentations to be around 10 minutes in order to have plenty of time for discussions. Those who wish to attend but not present can sign up for the symposium by sending a quick email to [tolerantmigrantcities@gmail.com](mailto:tolerantmigrantcities@gmail.com) stating your name, affiliation and topic of research.