

THIRD ANGLO-ITALIAN CONFERENCE ON EIGHTEENTH CENTURY STUDIES

At the Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies, University of York.
12-14 September 2011

CALL FOR PAPERS

Following the success of the first two Anglo-Italian Conferences, in York in September 2006 and in Capri, Italy in April 2009 the Italian Society for Eighteenth Century Studies and the British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies are proud to announce the third in this series of Conferences. The focus of the Conference will be THE MARGINAL AND THE MAINSTREAM IN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY ITALY AND BRITAIN

Proposals are invited for 20 minute papers. These may deal with aspects of THE MARGINAL AND THE MAINSTREAM IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY essentially in Italy and Britain but also in a wider context.

Abstracts of no more than 200 words should be sent by email to:
Frank O'Gorman fog17@btinternet.com or Lia Guerra dog@unipv.it

Papers are acceptable in either Italian or English.

The costs of the Conference, including lunches, coffee etc. are not expected to exceed £60.

The deadline for abstracts is 31 December 2010.

Delegates not offering papers will be welcome to attend the Conference.

ACCOMMODATION

There is plentiful accommodation in York at all levels and prices. Consequently, delegates will be expected to provide their own accommodation. However, advice and listings may be provided by the official Conference Secretary, Clare Bond on cmb14@york.ac.uk

THE CONFERENCE THEME

The counterpoint between the marginal and the mainstream has been for many decades a compelling and an important one.

The idea of a 'mainstream' or 'major stream' may have an aquatic origin but in recent centuries has come to be associated with the idea of important or principal matters in hand, implying also the notion of something important, mighty and even popular. In recent decades, the implication of 'scholarly fashion' may also have been added. Down to the sixteenth century the notion of 'the marginal' referred to the margin of a text, the space between the edge of the book and the text itself. Later, this idea admitted the concept of a boundary and later still the notion of the contour and border beyond which something ceases to be possible and desirable. Today, most scholars recognize a yet further extension to these definitions, the idea of dissident ideas, practices or opinions existing on the sidelines of the majority.

This Conference is devoted to investigations of 'the Marginal and the Mainstream' in and between Italy and Great Britain in the eighteenth century in an endeavour to attain a more rounded conception of their societies and culture.

Papers will be welcomed in all disciplines and from scholars at all stages of their careers. The theme of 'MARGINAL AND MAINSTREAM' may be applied to British and Italian historical and geographical contexts but it will be no less relevant to literature, philosophy and art. We expect that the Conference will also explore changing versions of MARGINAL AND MAINSTREAM during the long eighteenth century and their effect upon political, social and economic stability.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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