International Conference
Singles in the Cities of North-West Europe, c.1000-2000
Antwerp, March 6\textsuperscript{th} – 8\textsuperscript{th} 2013

Wednesday 6 March 2013

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15.00-15.30 Registration
15.30-16.00 Welcome
(Bruno Blondé - University of Antwerp)
Introduction
(Julie De Groot – University of Antwerp)
16.00-17.30 Keynote lecture:
"Somebody's Daughter: Girls on their Own in England, c. 1300"
(Judith Bennett - University of Southern California)
18.00 - … Conference dinner at Hof van Liere
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9.30-11.00 Session Demography (Discussant: Tim Soens)

Singles by numbers. A review of estimates of celibacy in the European past.
(Isabelle Devos – University of Gent)
Urban Singles in four towns in the province of Östergötland, Sweden, 1750-1870.
(Dag Lindström - University of Uppsala)
Singles and the Wealth of Nations.
(Jacob Weisdorf – University of Southern Denmark/Utrecht University and Eric Schneider - Oxford University)
Life course and residential career of singles in Dutch cities, 1870-1940.
(Jan Kok - Radboud University Nijmegen and Kees Mandemakers – International Institute for Social History)

11.00-11.15 Coffee/tea

11.15-12.45 Session Material Culture and Consumption Patterns (Discussant: Bruno Blondé)

Single life in fifteenth-century Bruges. Living arrangements and material culture at the fringes of society?
(Inneke Baatsen, Julie De Groot and Isis Sturtewagen – University of Antwerp)
The Single Homemaker and Material Culture in the Long Eighteenth Century.
(David Hussey - University of Wolverhampton)
Rich, female and single: the changing consumption practices of Mary Leigh, 1736-1806.
(Jon Stobart - University of Northampton)
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9.30-11.00  Session Group Identity  (Discussant: Anne-Laure Van Bruaene)

Desperately seeking the single man in later medieval England.
(Jeremy Goldberg – University of York)
Escaping the constraints of marriage. The queer('s) use of urban space in late 19th century Brussels.
(Wannes Dupont – University of Antwerp)
Sex experts and the unmarried woman in postwar America.
(Henk de Smaele - University of Antwerp)

11.00-11.15  Coffee/tea

11.15-12.45  Session Strategies (3)  (Discussant: Martha Howell)

Single, safe and sorry? An analysis of the motivations of women to join the early modern beguine movement in the Low Countries
(Tine De Moor - Utrecht University)
Singles and their public roles in early modern towns.
(Ariadne Schmidt and Manon van der Heijden - Leiden University)
Singles Navigating Poverty in Paisley, 1861.
(Wendy Gordon – Plattsburgh State University of New York)
12.45-13.45     Lunch
13.45-15.45     Closing lecture:
                 “Single and the city.”
                 (Dimitri Mortelmans and Inge Pasteels - The Research Center for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies
                 (CELLO) - University of Antwerp)
15.45-16.15     Final remarks & discussion
16.15-17.00     Closing reception