

Rethinking the early modern work ethic

Friday, 2 July 2021

1. *session: 2,30-4 p.m.*
 - Gábor Almási: The origins of the work ethic: the case of Florence
 - Pietro Delcorno – Majorie Burghart: The positive figure of the merchant in Florentine sermons (XIV-XV century)
2. *session: 4,30-6 p.m.*
 - Giorgio Lizzul: Industry, utility, and wealth distribution in Quattrocento humanist thought
 - Graeme Murdock: Genevan callings: Work, ethics, and Reformed moral discipline
3. *session: from 7 p.m.*
 - Arnoud Visser: Criticizing the humanist work ethic: The image of the pedant
 - some practicalities to be discussed

Monday, 5 July 2021

1. *session: 2,30-4 p.m.*
 - Dirk van Miert: Scholars working themselves to death: comparing the work ethic of Protestant champion Isaac Casaubon and Catholic hero Cesare Baronio based on their death bed descriptions
 - Lorenzo Coccoli: Giving work to the poor. Labour as a form of almsgiving in early modern poor relief literature (16-18th century)
2. *session: 4,30-6 p.m.*
 - Katharina Rilling: Work and idleness in Adam Contzen's political oeuvre
 - Toon Van Houdt: The Counter-Reformation concept of good labour and the inculcation of a Catholic work ethic
3. *session: from 7 p.m.*
 - Francesca Antonelli: Sexual division of intellectual labour in late eighteenth-century France: The case of Marie-Anne Paulze-Lavoisier (1758-1836)
 - Herman Paul: Labor ipse voluptas: virtues of work in nineteenth-century Germany

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