Call for Papers

The Fifteenth Century Conference 2017
Including sessions in honour of Margaret Aston

The 38th Fifteenth Century Conference will be held at the University of Essex, Colchester
Thursday 31st August to Saturday 2nd September 2017

The conference, which has met in most years since 1970, will bring together established as well as younger scholars of all aspects of fifteenth-century studies. We invite proposals for papers showcasing all aspects of current research into the fifteenth century and new trends in the field, relating to both England and the wider world, and of all disciplinary backgrounds.

In honour of Margaret Aston (1932-2014), we propose to include a stream of sessions focusing upon the religious history of the long fifteenth century. We particularly invite papers on subjects such as heresy and non-conformity, martyrdom, and iconoclasm, as well as pre-Reformation and Reformation religion in a broader sense.

Contributions from current research students are especially welcome. Papers should normally be of 20 minutes; additional time will be allowed for discussion. Subject to peer review, papers may be published in Boydell & Brewer’s series The Fifteenth Century.

To propose a paper please submit a title and short abstract (no more than 300 words) by email no later than Friday 28th April 2017. Contact: Dr Justin Colson (jcolson@essex.ac.uk) and Dr Tom Freeman (tfreeman@essex.ac.uk)

The conference will be held at the Colchester Campus of the University of Essex, located in the beautiful grounds of Wivenhoe House, around 60 minutes from central London. The conference will take advantage of the many medieval features of Colchester, including an exclusive evening private view and wine reception at the newly refurbished Colchester Castle museum, the largest Norman keep in Britain, constructed upon the foundations of the Roman temple of Claudius. Tours will include the Red Lion, the Duke of Norfolk’s fifteenth century townhouse; the gatehouse of St John’s Abbey; the ruins of St Botolph’s Priory, and eight surviving medieval parish churches.