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Newsletter November 2017

From the President

As you are all aware, David Starkey and his editorial team continue to produce excellent issues of our flagship publication, *The International Journal of Maritime History*. In order to maintain the quality of the journal we need to increase the stream of high quality submissions so please submit your own work and also encourage your colleagues and post graduate students to do so. I am delighted to report that thanks to the efforts of Constantin Ardeleanu,

we have finally been able to obtain control of the website and it is currently being updated. The past Newsletters are now available on the website. If you have any suggestion for improvements to the website please let us know. At its last meeting, the Executive agreed to a change of logo—see above. If you would like to join the IMHA between now and 31 December 2017 and receive all four copies of IJMH that have been published in 2017 you can use the existing link to the University of Hull's online shop (<http://shop.hull.ac.uk/product-catalogue/faculty-of-arts-social-sciences/history-department>). Members wishing renew their subscriptions for 2018 can do so from January 2018 when the online shop link will be reset. I would like to thank the Executive and IJMH editorial team for their valuable contributions during the year. Special thanks go to Bri McKenzie for producing the Newsletter. As this is the final Newsletter for 2017, I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a successful and happy New Year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions for improving or contributing to the IMHA.

Conference News

New Researchers in Maritime History Conference, April 6 - 7, 2018.

The British Commission for Maritime History, in association with the ss Great Britain Trust invites contributions to its twenty-fourth conference for new researchers. Hosted at the Great Western Dockyard in Bristol, the conference provides a unique opportunity for new scholars to present their work in an historic maritime setting. The Conference supports emerging scholars who wish to share their work in a supportive environment and build relations with other maritime historians. We encourage applications from research degree students and warmly encourage participation by independent scholars. Contributions can address all aspects of maritime history in its broadest sense.

The call for papers is currently open until 16 February 2018. Those wishing to offer a paper should complete the online form available from: <https://goo.gl/forms/3NIAZhERbptxtSTK2> or go to the website www.maritimehistory.org.uk Please direct any queries to h.r.doe@exeter.ac.uk

Oceans Past VII International Conference: Tracing human interactions with marine ecosystems through deep time: implications for policy and management, October 22 – 26, 2018.

The seventh Oceans Past conference will be hosted by the Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI) & the German Maritime Museum, Bremerhaven, Germany on 22nd to 26th October 2018. The conference welcomes researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and students of all disciplines under the unifying view of our oceans as networks of social-ecological or coupled human-nature systems. If you have an interest in the history of human interactions with life in the ocean and implications for policy and management, this is the 2018 conference you must attend.

As organisers of the conference, the Oceans Past Initiative offers you the opportunity to suggest or organise a special session, mini-symposium, or exhibition of relevant artefacts, artwork, or documentary film screenings during the conference within the broad theme of the history of human impacts with life in the ocean. Send your suggestions to the convenors below:

Conference convenors

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Chair of the conference Scientific Steering Committee

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Inaugural Yale Navy History Conference: Navies in Multipolar Worlds, April 20 – 21, 2018.

In 2016, Admiral John Richardson, the Chief of Naval Operations, admitted that for the first time in decades, the United States Navy is facing a return to a multi-navy great power rivalry. No longer can it be assured of continuing maritime supremacy. The inaugural Yale Naval History Conference takes Richardson's warning as inspiration. How have navies in previous eras of multi-polarity grappled with the challenges of preparing for great power conflicts?

The organizers welcome papers that address this question from a variety of angles, including but not limited to: the regional and global distribution of forces; trade and communication protection; arms races; the emergence of naval challengers; fleet design; logistics; technology; civil-naval relations; and grand strategy, past, present, and future. The organizers encourage submissions that look beyond the Anglo-American world, and that cover topics from the age of sail to the present.

Proposals should be single PDF attachments and sent to igor.biryukov@yale.edu by January 5, 2018.

EBHA Conference, The Firm and the Sea: Chains, Flows and Connections, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona-Italy, September 6-8, 2018.

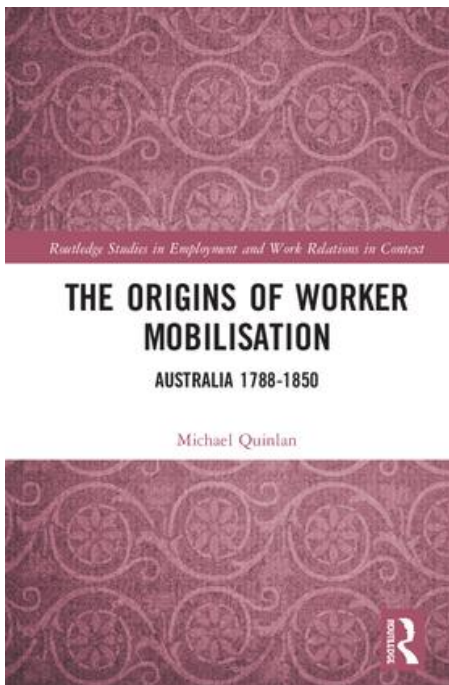
The sea – whether considered as open ocean or as a mass of water bordered by land masses – is an enormous economic resource for mankind. Not only is it the principal way of transportation for goods and humans but it's also a formidable source of food. Since we want to link the sea with the business unit (the firm, as well as other organizational units like clusters, networks and global value chains) the focus of the next EBHA conference will be on two units of analysis that are both extremely relevant for the sea as well as economic resources – ships and harbors.

The call for papers is currently open until January 15 2018. The conference invites submissions for papers, sessions and panels on a variety of maritime topics. We also invite submissions in other formats such as roundtables, poster session for Ph.D students, workshops aiming to start collaborative projects and “toolkit sessions”. Proposals should be directed to the paper committee via the congress website at <http://ebha.org/public/C9>

For more information about the conference and submission requirements please visit the website: <http://ebha18.univpm.it>

Recent Publications

We welcome news of our members recent publications. This month we feature the work of member Professor Michael Quinlan from the School of Organisation and Management at the University of New South Wales. Michael's recent book *The Origins of Worker Mobilisation: Australia 1788 – 1850* features a chapter on collective action by seamen, whalers and sealers. The chapter draws on a range of sources including court records, newspapers and logbooks and covers all Australian colonies. The book also includes mention of other relevant maritime activities including the regulation of maritime workers.



This is a book on how and why workers come together. Almost coincident with its inception, worker organisation is a central and enduring element of capitalism. In the 19th and 20th centuries' mobilisation by workers played a substantial role in reshaping critical elements of these societies in Europe, North America, Australasia and elsewhere including the introduction of minimum labour standards (living wage rates, maximum hours etc.), workplace safety and compensation laws and the rise of welfare state more generally.

This book provides a new perspective on and new insights into how and why workers organise, and what shapes this organisation. *The Origins of*

Worker Mobilisation will be key reading for scholars, academics and policy makers the fields of industrial relations, HRM, labour economics, labour history and related disciplines.

Positions Available



Research IT Developer (Ref. No. P59840)

Starting salary is £34,520 per annum on Grade F

The above post is available immediately on a 12 month basis, with the possibility of extension dependent on funding.

We are looking for a **Research IT Developer** to be part of a team of researchers working within the ERC-funded project *Average - Transaction Costs and Risk Management during the First Globalization (Sixteenth-Eighteenth Centuries)*. The role will be based within our Digital Humanities Lab in conjunction with the Department of History and led by Professor Maria Fusaro.

The project

This project focuses on economic institutions and their impact on economic development through the investigation of a legal instrument – general average (GA) – which underpins maritime trade by redistributing extraordinary costs across all parties engaged in the business venture.

The role

The role, (in full collaboration of the [project team](#)), will see you design a research database and facilitate the extraction of structured data from the primary sources on which the project is based.

This position will play an essential role within the project, as it will develop a (web-enabled) database which will contain quantitative and qualitative data extracted from archives in Italy, the Low Countries and Spain. This database is an analytical tool which will need to describe, explain, and visualize the rich sets of data contained in GA documentation.

You will

- Have an affinity with data-driven digital methods and techniques and both quantitative and qualitative research approaches (the quantitative data is in a variety of currencies and units of measure).
- the ability to work both as a creative and independent participant in an interdisciplinary team, and willing to take responsibility for deliverables and deadlines in your work package.
- excellent command of programming frameworks, preferably Django, and familiarity with GIS software and relational database systems;
- Previous work in the field of digital humanities is strongly preferred but not essential.

The successful candidate will be invited to attend the first project workshop in mid-December which has been designed to discuss in detail the development of the database, The speakers will include team members of the project and international specialists who have developed similarly complex databases as part of international research projects.

For further information, please contact Maria Fusaro, email m.fusaro@exeter.ac.uk, or telephone (01392) 724456.

The post will close **30th November** and interviews are to be held on **5th December** in Exeter.

Secondment opportunities may be considered.

Member Profile: Gelina Harlaftis



Gelina Harlaftis, Director for the Institute of Mediterranean Studies of the Foundation of Research and Technology-Hellas (FORTH) since 2017, is Professor of Maritime History in the Department of History of the Ionian University. She has graduated from the University of Athens and has completed her graduate studies in the Universities of Cambridge (M.Phil.) and Oxford (D.Phil.). She started her career as a lecturer in Piraeus University (1990-2003) and continued since 2003 in the Ionian University.

She was Chair of the Department of History of the Ionian University (2004-2008) and President of the International Maritime Economic History Association (2004-2008). Since 2014 she is the Director of the Graduate Programme "History and Documentation" of the Ionian University and since 2017 head of the newly established Centre of Maritime History of the Institute for Mediterranean History, FORTH. In 2009 she was a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford University, and in 2008 an Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., International Visiting Scholar in the Business History Program, Harvard Business School. She has also served as a visiting Professor in Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada (1998) and as an Honorary Research Fellow in Institute of Maritime Studies, Greenwich University, London (1999).

Her research interests are in maritime history, economic and social history, business history, global history and diaspora history. She has published 25 books in English, Canadian and Greek publishing houses and more than 50 articles in edited volumes and international peer-reviewed journals. Her last books are *World's Key Industry* with Jesus Valdaliso and Stig Tenold (Palgrave/Macmillan, 2012), *Greek Shipping History, 1700-1821* with Katerina Papakonstantinou (Kedros, Athens, 2013, in Greek) and *Greeks in the Azov, 18th-beginning of 20th century. New approaches in the history of the Greeks in South Russia* with Evrydiki Sifneos, (National Research Foundation, Athens 2015, in Greek). Her book titled *Creating Global Shipping. Vagliano Brothers, Aristotle Onassis and the Evolution of Greek Shipping Business, 1820s-1970s* is under publication by Cambridge University Press (2018).

She has extensive experience in the coordination and implementation of large research projects and has established a large international research network with scholars from all continents. The last research project she co-ordinated, "The Black Sea and its port-cities, 1774-1914. Development, convergence and linkages with the global economy" within the operational programme "Thalis" (2012-2015) consisted of a team of 91 scholars from 30 countries. She is currently project leader of the project "Onassis Business History" in collaboration with the Onassis Foundation (2017-2020) She has organized many international conferences in Greece and abroad, participates in numerous international organizing committees of conferences and journal editorial boards. She is member of the International Maritime History Association, European Business History Association and the Greek Economic History Association.

Maritime History News

H-Maritime Network

H-Maritime is H-Net's Network on maritime history, archaeology, literature, policy and sundry other areas of investigation.

The primary purpose of H-Maritime is to enable scholars interested in maritime history, archaeology, literature, policy and sundry other areas of investigation to more easily discuss research interests, teaching methods and the state of maritime affairs. As an international network focused on scholarly topics, H-Maritime is especially interested in methods of teaching to graduate and undergraduate students in diverse settings. H-Maritime will publish news and announcements and encourage debates on interdisciplinary themes relevant to the maritime world. The H-Maritime network also provides opportunities for scholarly collaboration on exciting new digital projects utilizing built-in platforms and multiple forms of media.

We welcome contributions from scholars, students and professionals in all aspects of the maritime world, and we encourage an open discussion on a wide range of material related to maritime affairs, broadly construed. Issues that deal in any substantive way with the maritime realm -- at any place or within any historical period-- are potential topics for discourse. Our overall aim is to be an open, yet quality medium for furthering substantive inquiry within the rich field of maritime affairs among a growing number of scholars.

For more information about the H-Maritime Network visit: <https://networks.h-net.org/ZZ-about-maritime-ZZ>

About the IMHA Newsletter

The IMHA Newsletter is published by the International Maritime History Association (IMHA) with the aim of promoting maritime history globally and strengthening collaboration

between maritime researchers. Edited by the Executive Board of IMHA, the Newsletter features brief news on upcoming conferences, book releases, scholarships, job announcements etc. within the field of maritime history. The Newsletter appears a few times per year.

All scholars who wish to make announcements to colleagues about maritime history issues are encouraged to do so through the IMHA Newsletter. If you have news that you would like to share, please provide this by email to the Newsletter co-editor Bri McKenzie at brimck1@iprimus.com.au.