

CALL FOR PAPERS

Maritime Britain, c.1550-c.1750

Hosted by the University of Southampton

16-17 September 2025 (Lecture Theatre B, Avenue Campus, Highfield Road, Southampton SO17 1BF)



This call for papers is linked with the launch of the AHRC-funded Maritime Britain Project's website and searchable database (www.maritimebritain.org).

This two-day conference will showcase the latest research in maritime history and feature three keynote lectures by Dr Richard Blakemore (Reading), Dr Elaine Murphy (Plymouth), and Professor Claire Jowitt (University of East Anglia). The project's website and database will be launched on 17th September.

We are keen to receive proposals for papers that cover the three key themes of Seaborne Trade, Shipping, and Maritime Communities over the period 1550-1750. Whilst the focus is on Britain and the three themes, the remit is broad, and we would be happy to receive proposals on topics such as piracy, navies, privateering, and women and the sea.

For those wishing to attend, please register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/maritime-britain-c1550-c1750-tickets-1451924899459?aff=oddtcreator>

Proposals

Individual paper proposals for in-person talks should consist of an abstract (200-250 words), a brief biography (up to 100 words) and full contact information. Papers should be 20 minutes in duration. We especially invite abstracts from early-career researchers and PhD students. The deadline for proposals is 1 September 2025. Proposals and questions should be directed to Professor Craig Lambert at c.lambert@soton.ac.uk