

Call for Abstracts

Water

Histories of Water in Construction History

CHS Annual Conference in collaboration with Cambridge Faculty of Architecture
Queens' College, Cambridge, 5-7 April 2019

The aim of this year's Annual Construction History Society Conference from the **5-7 April 2019** is to explore the interrelationship between construction and water in the history of building technology. The aim of the first day is to provide a forum in which scholars from a variety of disciplines can explore the subject of water and architecture and engineering from multiple perspectives. Topics might include but are not limited to:

- The development of fountains, dams, aqueducts, taps, reservoirs, sewers, sanitary systems, drains, water towers, bath-houses, cisterns, step wells, water mills, irrigation systems, water supplies for building sites, canals, moats, docks, and harbours.
- The relationship between water supply and the construction of cities in the ancient world.
- The design methods used by engineers, architects or scientists in the development of hydraulic systems.
- How designers in the past addressed the relationship between structure and water.
- The roles of the various professions and trades in the development of water systems.
- The history of hydraulic engineering and its close association with the development of mechanical engineering as a discipline.
- Impact of building services on development of building construction.
- Advances in construction technology and materials on the history of water infrastructure.

The second day will consider any paper on the subject of construction history including a special session on doors (see separate calls for abstracts).

This is a history conference. The review panel will only accept papers that are based on historical research or involve the study of historic technologies. Papers on building conservation, such as the retrofitting modern services into historic building, are not within the scope of this conference and will not be considered

Abstract submission

This first call is a call for abstracts. Abstracts should be 300-500 words long and should, include the full names, academic affiliation or employer, a description of the subject proposed, the sources to be used, and where it fits within, or how it relates to the current literature on the topic, together with address and email contact details. Submissions should be made to chs@aha.cam.ac.uk. The submission date for the abstracts is **14 October 2018**.

Process and Paper Submission

The abstracts will be peer-reviewed and the authors informed of the results by **30 October**. The final paper must be submitted by **14 January 2018**. Final papers will be 5000 words/30,000 characters and can include 10 images. The editors reserve the right to reject papers that do not meet the necessary standards at this stage.

Publication

Successful papers will be prepared for publication in February and printed in March. The proceedings are published as an edited book.

All final accepted papers must be presented at the conference by at least one of the authors

Papers will not be accepted by those who fail to pay the full registration fee and are not able to attend the conference. The conference runs from **5-7 April 2019** in Queens' College, Cambridge. Please do not submit an abstract if you are unable to attend.