

**European Mining History, 19th and 20th Centuries:
Work in Progress
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Programme

Wednesday, July 19th, 2006:

- 18.00: Welcome (Klaus Tenfelde)
Opening lecture
Christopher Williams (University of Swansea):
New Directions in the History of the South Wales Coalfield
19.00: Reception

Thursday, July 20th, 2006:

- 09.00-11.00: **Session I: Mining Economies and Commonwealth:
Investment Policies in the European Colonies**
Chair: Chris Wrigley
Aldwin Roes (Sheffield University): *Conflicting imperial ideologies: Congo Reform and the establishment of the Katanga Mining Economy*
Paul Ashmore (Sheffield University): *Ideology and Empire: Securing Britain's Supplies of Oil, ca. 1918-1929*
Andrew Cohen (Sheffield University): *Copper and Politics: The Role of Mining in the Demise of the Central African Federation (1957-1963)*
11.00-11.30: Coffee break
11.30-13.00: **Session II: Mining Management**
Chair: Quentin Outram
Bart Delbroek (Vrije Universiteit Brussel): *From porion to conducteur: Supervisory Functions in the Belgian Limburg Coal Mining Industry (1901-1939)*
Andrew Perchard (UHI Centre for History): *Colliers with a Collar on: The mine management professions in the Scottish coal mining industry, 1930-1966*
13.00-14.00: Lunch break
14.00-18.00: **Session III: Labour Markets and Mining Communities**
Chair: Ben Gales
Katrin Martin (Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum): *The Frontier Commuters and the Early Trade Union Movement in the Sarre-Lorraine Border Region. A "National Affair"?*
Robert McCloy (University of Swansea): *Mobility in the South Wales Coalfield, 1920-1970: a matter of councils, commissioners, carriages, charabancs, and cars*
Kristin Klank (Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen): *Labour mobility in the hard coal district of Aachen*
Serge Langeweg (University of Maastricht): *The Functioning of the Labour Market for Miners in Dutch Limburg, 1900-1974*
Leen Roels (University of Maastricht): *The Functioning of the Labour Market for Coal Miners in the Liège Region, 20th Century*

(Coffee break at convenience)

Evening: Visit the Bochum Bermuda Triangle!

Friday, July 21st, 2006:

08.00-18.00: **Excursion into the Ruhr Region**

(Programme to be confirmed)

Saturday, July 22nd, 2006:

08.00-10.00: **Session IV: Miners' Work, Miners' Solidarity**

Chair: Arthur McIvor

Juergen Jenko (Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum): *Miners and the Rise of Anarcho-Syndicalism in the Ruhr up to 1919*

Barry Johnson (University of Nottingham): *Solidarity, Scabs, Renegades, and Butties: the 1926 Lockout in Nottinghamshire*

Holger Heith (Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum): *Youth Radicalism and the German Miners' Movement prior to 1945*

Holger Menne (Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum): *German Brown Coal Miners, 1890-1914: Strikes, Workers' Solidarity, and Mechanization*

10.30-11.00: Coffee break

11.00-13.00: **Session V: Mining and structural Change**

Chair: Klaus Tenfelde

Heike Doering (Cardiff University): *Trajectories of Transition in British Mining Areas – The Case of North West Leicestershire*

Pedro Gabriel Silva (Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Duoro): *Ecology, Consciousness, and Popular Resistance: Mining Industry and the Destruction of Natural Resources 1912-1977*

Ben Curtis (Glamorgan University): *Closures and Consequences: The Effects of Government Policy on the South Wales Coal Industry, 1964-1970*

13.00-14.00: Lunch break

14.00-17.30: **Session VI: Gender Roles and Miners' Cultures**

Chair: Nina Fishman

Leighton James (University of York): *Ragamuffins, ne'er do-wells and true mining men: Trade Unionism and Masculinity in the South Wales Coalfield, 1890-1926*

Steffan Morgan (University of Swansea): *"Remember it like a Man". Masculinity, Memory, and the Miners' Strike 1984-85 in South Wales*

Julia Riediger (Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum): *Introducing a Comparative Project on Working Class Religion in Wales and the Ruhr*

Rebecca Edwards (University of Swansea): *A Demonstration for Existence? Music and the Miner's Strike of 1984-85*

Stefan Moitra (Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum): *Cinema and the Transformation of Working Class Cultures in South Wales and the Ruhr*

(Coffee break at convenience)

20.00: Closing party at Tenfelde's home

Sunday, July 23rd, 2006: Departure