

Dr Esther Sahle

Education

- 2011-2016 PhD, Economic History, London School of Economics (LSE)
'A Faith of Merchants: Quakers and Institutional Change in the Early Modern Atlantic'
- 2008-2009 MSc, Global History (Highest dissertation grade of the year, 81%), LSE
- 2004-2007 BA, World History and Religion, University of Erfurt, Germany

Academic Positions

- Apr.2021 - Sep.2021 Acting Chair of Economic History, University of Münster
- Apr. 2019 – Oct. 2020 Postdoctoral Researcher, History Department, University of Oldenburg
- Nov. 2015 – Mar. 2019 Lecturer (teaching), History Department, University of Bremen
- Jan. 2015 – Apr. 2015 Visiting Lecturer, History Department, University of Hertfordshire
- Oct. 2012 – Apr. 2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant, London School of Economics

Teaching

MA Courses (selection)

- Primary Sources of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
- The Great Divergence: Economic Development in East and West, 1400-1800
- East Asia and the European Consumer Revolution
- The European Marriage Pattern in Global Perspective
- Early Modern History Research Seminar
- MA/BA Thesis Colloquium

BA Courses (selection)

- 'Capitalism & Slavery': An Economic History of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
- Early Modern Globalisation
- Towns, Economy & Society in Early Modern Europe
- Capitalism & Women: A Global Economic History of Marriage and the Family
- Trade and Consumerism in the Early Modern World
- Environment & Imperialism
- The New Economics of Religion (Module: 'Advanced Quantitative Economic History')

Grants & Fellowships

- ERC 'Starting Grant', submitting application March 2021, c.€1,000 000
- Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Conference Grant, 2020, €11,000
- Library Company of Philadelphia and Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 'Barra International Fellowship', September 2016, \$2,000
- Economic History Association, 'Exploratory Travel and Data Grant', 2013, \$2,000
- LSE Economic History Department 'Radwan Travel Fund', 2013, £800
- LSE 'Postgraduate Travel Grant', 2013, 2015, £800
- Research Fellowship, German Historical Institute, Washington, DC, in cooperation with Horner Memorial Library, Philadelphia, PA, 2013, \$2,000
- LSE studentship, 2012-15, £3,600 annually

Conference Organisation

The Institutional Foundations of Pre-Modern Long-Distance Trade

- Conference, organiser, University of Oldenburg, 24-26 July 2020 (postponed to July 2021).
- Panel, co-organiser with Yadira Gonzalez de Lara, University of Valencia, and Daniel Strum, University of Sao Paulo, World Economic History Congress, MIT, Boston, 2018
- Panel, co-organiser with Yadira Gonzalez de Lara, University of Valencia, and Daniel Strum, University of Sao Paulo, World Economic History Congress, Paris 2021 (postponed to August 2022)

Religious Freedom, Legal Pluralism and Long-Distance Trade

- Panel, co-organiser with Germano Maifreda, University of Milan, World Economic History Congress, Paris 2021 (postponed to August 2022).

Commercial Dispute Resolution in the Early Modern Atlantic World

- Panel organiser and chair, American Legal History Society Annual Conference, Boston 2019

Publications

Monograph

Quakers in the British Atlantic World. First book to discuss the eighteenth-century Quaker reformation and its economic consequences for the Society of Friends, *Boydell & Brewer*, May 2021.

Dissertation

A Faith of Merchants: Quakers and Institutional Change in the British Atlantic, c. 1660-1800. LSE E-Thesis 2016. An analysis of the Society of Friends' formal and informal institutions, and how these impacted Quaker merchants' businesses.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

'Gospel Order: Quaker Institutions and Trade Expansion in Colonial Philadelphia'. *Continuity & Change*, Vol.35, Issue 2, December 2020.

'Quakers, Coercion and Pre-Modern Growth: Why Friends' Formal Institutions did not Matter for Early Atlantic Trade Expansion', *The Economic History Review*, Vol.71, Issue 2, May 2018.

Working Papers

'An Investigation of Early Modern Quakers' Business Ethics', *LSE Economic History Working Papers*, No.216 (2015).

'Quakers, Coercion and Pre-Modern Growth: Why Friends' Formal Institutions did not Matter for Early Atlantic Trade Expansion', *LSE Economic History Working Papers*, No. 211 (2014).

'Re-evaluating the Role of Voluntary Organisations: Merchant Networks, the Baltic, and the Expansion of European Long-Distance Trade', *LSE Economic History Working Papers*, No.138 (2010).

Book Reviews

Priya Satia, 'Empire of Guns: The Violent Making of the Industrial Revolution' (Penguin Press, 2018), *Quaker Studies*, (2019), Vol. 24, (2).

Jonathan Harlow (ed.), 'The Ledger of Thomas Speed, 1681–1690 (Bristol: Bristol Record Office, 2011)', *Quaker Studies*, (2015).

Pierre Gervais, Yannick Lemarchand and Dominique Margairaz (eds.), 'Merchants and Profit in the Age of Commerce, 1680-1830' (London: Pickering & Chatto, 2014), *Accounting History*, (2015) Vol.21 (1).

Lars Maischak, 'German Merchants in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013)', *The Economic History Review*, (2015), Vol.68 (2).

Work in Progress

Diaspora-States: Religious Law and Trade Expansion in the British Atlantic. Monograph. Submission of manuscript to Cambridge University Press's *Studies in Legal History* planned for December 2021.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

Maritime Labour Migration and Human Capital Formation in Early Modern Germany

- History Seminar, Viadrina University, Frankfurt/Oder, November 2020
- Early Modern History Seminar, University of Hamburg, December 2020

Commercial Dispute Mediation by Pennsylvania Quaker Meetings, 1682-1720

- Economic History Seminar, University of Regensburg, February 2021

- World Economic History Congress, MIT, August 2018
- Economic History Society Conference, Royal Holloway, University of London, March 2017
- The Institutional Foundations of Long-distance Trade, Workshop, Economics Department, University of Valencia, Spain, June 2016
- Early Modern History Seminar, University of Munich, December 2017
- Early Modern History Seminar, University of Bremen, October 2017

Faith and Coverture – Explaining the Marriage Patterns of an Economic Elite

- History Department, Utrecht University, October 2017

The competitive edge of the reliable Friends? Quaker contract enforcement, c.1660-1800

- World Economic History Congress, Kyoto, Japan, August 2015
- Economic & Social History Seminar, Department of History, Utrecht University, December 2014
- European Business History Association Conference, Utrecht University, August 2014
- Economic History Society Conference, University of Warwick, March 2014
- Economic & Social History of the Pre-modern World Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, University of London, January 2014
- Economic History Seminar, European University Institute, Florence, November 2013
- Economic History Forum, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, September 2013
- Social History Society Conference, University of Leeds, March 2013
- Economic History Society Women’s Committee Workshop, Institute for Historical Research, University of London, November 2012

“For the Love of Money is the Root of all Evil” – Quaker Business Ethics c.1650-1800

- Affaires de Foi – The Business of Faith, Workshop, History Department, University of NeuChatel, Switzerland, June 2018
- Historical and Philosophical Perspectives on Economics Seminar, LSE, February 2014

Agent-Based Modelling of the Medieval Hanse

- Discussant, Medieval Economic History Network, Annual Conference, Hamburg 2021

Outreach

Werkstatt Geschichte

May-Aug. 2018

A journal aimed at academic historians and the interested public. Member of the editorial board.

Urban Archive and Historical Documentation Centre for Aleppo, Syria June 2010-Nov.2010

Advisor, Preparation of an exhibition on Aleppo’s urban history.

Blog Posts

[A Page in the Life of Betty Fothergill: Marriage and Liberty in the Diary of Teenage Girl](#)

The Many Headed Monster, December 2018

[‘Quakers, Coercion and pre-modern Growth’](#)

The Long Run: the EHS blog, January 2018

[Readers’ Stories: 18th century London – a foreign country](#)

Quaker Strongrooms. A blog for the Library of the Society of Friends, June 2013

Departmental Services

2020	Spokesperson for Junior Faculty, History Department, University of Oldenburg
2019	Chair, Junior Faculty Working Group, History Department, University of Oldenburg
2016-2018	Chair, Junior Faculty Working Group, History Department, University of Bremen
2016-2017	Co-Organiser, History Research Seminar, University of Bremen

Refereeing

- The William & Mary Quarterly
- The National Research Council of Canada
- The Journal of Legal History
- The Economic History Review
- Quaker Studies
- Organizational Studies
- Accounting History
- Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History

Membership in Professional Organisations

- American Legal History Society
- Economic History Association
- Economic History Society
- European Historical Economics Society
- Gesellschaft für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte
- Quaker Studies Association

References

Prof Patrick Wallis (Thesis supervisor)

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