

INAUGURAL WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 6TH-8TH, 2023



The Fabric of Profit

EUROPEAN TEXTILES IN REVOLUTIONARY TIMES
1750-1850

PROGRAMME
UNIMAIL ROOM M6220

DECEMBER 6TH, 2023

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20.00 Dinner at the Auberge de Carouge

DECEMBER 7TH, 2023

08.45-09.00 Welcome - Mary O'Sullivan

09.00-10.00 - John Styles

Textile materialities: fibres, fashion and innovation

10.00-10.15 Coffee break

THEME 1 - WORK & PROFIT IN TEXTILES

10.15-11.15 - Jane Humphries

The fabric of care: spinning and caring in an early capitalist economy

11.15-12.15 - Manuela Martini

New explorations in the history of the textile industry in the long 19th century

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.45-14.45 Mary O'Sullivan

Textile work, commodity chains & profit nodes

14.45-15.00 Coffee break

THEME 2 - PROFITING FROM SILK IN EUROPEAN POLITICAL ECONOMY

15.00-17.00 Panel presentations & discussion

Introduction - Lorenzo Avellino

Paola Bertucci (Zoom)

The Profitable Hand: Spinners, Silk, and the State in the 18th century

Jean-Baptiste Verot

Silk rents: a new plant for new profits in France

Roberto Tolaini

In search of quality: Italian silk producers in a changing market

20.30 Dinner at IVY 23

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09.00-10.00 Maxine Berg

The Slave-Sugar Nexus & the World of Malachy Postlethwayt

10.00-10.15 Coffee break

THEME 3 - TEXTILES & TRADE : POSSIBILITIES & LIMITS OF HISTORICAL SOURCES

10.15-12.15 Panel presentations & discussion

Guillaume Daudin & Loïc Charles

*French textile exports during the Eighteenth-century:
Debunking a Colbertian Myth*

Karolina Hutkova

Mercantilism, trade in textiles and the British fiscal state

Rohit Prabu

Accounting for Textile Trade in the East India Companies

12.30-13.30 Lunch

THEME 4 - TEXTILE PROFITS IN REVOLUTIONARY TIMES

13.45-15.15 Panel presentations & discussion

Lorenzo Avellino

The scramble for silk in Europe, 1755-1820

Léa Meyer

The breaking of Spain's Merino monopoly, 1765-1830

Felipe Souza Melo

The shifting global axis of European cotton, 1775-1788

End of workshop



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