

Early Textiles Study Group – 15th Conference
Precious Cloth and Court Culture (400-1600AD)
Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge (September 16-17, 2017)
Provisional programme.

Day 1, (Saturday 16 September, 2017)

9.00 Registration

10.00 Welcome by Conference Convenor: Anna Muthesius

10.05 Power in the periphery. The Importance of dress during the Migration period in Sweden (c.400-550AD)

Helen Persson, Senior Curator of Textiles, National Museum of Antiquities, Stockholm, Sweden

10.50 Questions and discussion

11.00 Tea/Coffee

11.30 The damask dalmatic of St. Ambrose: a reassessment of this top quality late 4th-century silk

Hero Granger-Taylor, independent scholar, London

12.00 Sixteenth century gold lace as reflected in portraits of Elizabeth I and by later period ecclesiastical furnishing

Dr. Lena Dahrén, Department of Textile History, Uppsala University, Sweden

12.30 Questions and discussion

13.00 Buffet Lunch

14.00 Mix and match: textile furnishings at the English Court 1300-1470AD

Lisa Monnas, independent scholar, London

14.45 "Thre Cusshions of clothe of gold tissued": the role of luxury textiles in court culture during the reign of Henry VIII

Dr. Maria Hayward, Professor of Early Modern History, University of Southampton

15.30 Questions and discussion

16.00 Tea/Coffee

16.30 'Silk as power' at the Byzantine court: cross-influences along the Silk Road (Latin West/Byzantine and Islamic Mediterranean/ Near East)

Dr. Anna Muthesius, Professor of Textile Studies retired. Fellow Commoner, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge

17.15 Questions and discussion and close of day one of the conference papers

17.30 E.T.S.G. business meeting

19.00 Lucy Cavendish College formal dinner (Included for all residential delegates. Non-residential delegates wishing to participate are required to book and pay for the dinner in advance, as directed on the booking form)

Day 2, (Sunday 17 September, 2017)

8.00 Breakfast for residential delegates

9.15 Registration for single day delegates

9.30 Precious Cloth at the Castilian court (12-13 centuries)

Maria Barrigon Montanes, museum conservator, Palacio Real, Madrid, Spain

10.15 Questions and discussion

10.30 Tea/Coffee

11.00 Badges of rank at the Chinese Court (14-16 centuries)

Christopher Hall, TMF Group, - Chris Hall collection of Chinese Textiles,
Hong Kong

11.45 From heaven to earth: transformations of motifs on Ming court robes (14-16 centuries)

Sally Yu Leung, Trustee, Berkeley Art Museum, University of California,
USA

12.30 Questions and discussion

13.00 Buffet Lunch

14.00 Persian literature as a source for the use of precious cloths

Dr. Hassan Bastani Rad, Professor, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran

14.45 Ottoman Turkish ceremonial court attire and furnishings: symbols of power and dynastic heritage

Sibel Alpasian Arca, Curator of the Textile collection, Topkapi Palace
Museum, Istanbul, Turkey

15.30 Questions and discussion

16.00 Tea/Coffee

16.30 Summing up of conference

17.00 Farewell