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UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
(History, Classics and Archaeology and the School of GeoSciences)

TWO AHRC PhD STUDENTSHIPS

The Studentships

Applications are invited for two PhD funded PhD Studentships, held jointly by the University of Edinburgh (School of History, Classics and Archaeology and the Human Geography Research Group in the School of Geosciences) for research contributing to the AHRC-funded research project **'Mapping Edinburgh's Social History (MESH): A Capital Digital Resource.'** The studentships, which are full-time and funded for 3 years, will begin in September 2013.

Project 1 – Print City – will be supervised by Professor Richard Rodger (History).

Project 2 – Capital Mapping – will be supervised by Professor Charles Withers (Geography).

The expectation is that the students' research will contribute to the publication of an Edinburgh Atlas in hard copy and in digital form.

1. Print City: Printers and Publishers, c.1840-1980 (Supervisor: Professor Richard Rodger)

This PhD project will examine the contribution of printing and publishing c.1840-1980 to the development of Edinburgh as a knowledge capital. There will be a focus on business performance, commercial networks, the knowledge economy, technological innovation, and sites of production, and research findings will feed into the wider research agenda of spatial relationships in the city. Archival sources to be consulted include the NLS' Bartholomew Archive, Scottish Archive of Print and Publishing History Records (SAPPHIRE); and business papers in the National Records of Scotland. The PhD will add significantly to an understanding of how knowledge-based scientific and technological industries contributed to the local economy in the city.

2. Capital Mapping: Geographies of Enlightenment Edinburgh (Supervisor: Professor Charles Withers) This research project will examine the development of the city between c.1720 and c.1810 in relation to Enlightenment knowledge networks and sites of public sociability, specialised intellectual exchange, and popular and elite education. The work involves using geo-referenced maps of Edinburgh that show the spatial form (e.g. Edgar's map of 1746, Ainslie's maps between 1776 and 1784, and Kirkwood's map of 1817) against which to chart the urban fabric of this Enlightenment capital and to understand the circulation and production of social and intellectual capital. The PhD has the potential to add to existing Enlightenment research on the importance of 'thinking geographically' about the making and circulation of knowledge.

How to Apply: Intending applicants should have a good undergraduate degree or Masters in history, economic and social history, or geography. You will have experience of relevant research methods (research training is a required element in each year of the studentship).

Applicants should submit TWO COPIES of your curriculum vitae, outlining your qualification for the studentship and the names and contact details of two academic referees to: Professor Richard Rodger, History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh, Teviot Place, Edinburgh EH8 9AG (richard.rodger@ed.ac.uk) BY 1 MARCH 2013.

For further information regarding 'Print City', contact Professor Richard Rodger (richard.rodger@ed.ac.uk) and on 'Capital Mapping', contact Professor Charles Withers (c.w.j.withers@ed.ac.uk)