

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

Sixth International Huguenot Conference

9, 10, 11 September 2015

at

Europe House, 32 Smith Square, Westminster, London SW1P 3EU

and

Boughton House, Kettering, Northamptonshire NN14 1BJ

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HUGUENOT NETWORKS IN EUROPE, 1550–1800

THE IMPACT OF A MINORITY

This conference will seek to explore the migration of French Protestants, principally caused by the violence and repression that followed the Reformation, and will focus on two complementary sets of questions. First of all, what were the networks whereby familial, religious, scholarly and commercial contacts were maintained, and how did they operate? Secondly, what impact did the presence of individuals and communities belonging to such networks have on international and internal politics, and on the finance, law, trade, military and scientific development, literature, art and architecture, of their host countries? How did their presence affect views of alien societies and influence public opinion and education?

Among subsidiary themes for consideration are: the challenges of communication over long distances, across national boundaries and in shifting international contexts; the effects of transnational ties, both before and after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes; whether intelligence from, and lobbying by, Huguenot immigrants made any difference to the decisions of national governments; whether observation of hitherto unknown religious, intellectual, cultural, and artisanal practices modified native thought and habits; the extent of Huguenot engagement with persons or groups of other confessions. It might be interesting to reflect on the consequences in France of having so many French-born and French-speaking communities established in other countries.

The organisers welcome participation not only from researchers primarily interested in the Huguenots, but from those whose normal concern is the politics and society of France and of the countries which received the refugees.

Keynote speakers: **Mark Greengrass**, Professor Emeritus, University of Sheffield.
Robin Gwynn, formerly Reader in History, Massey University.

Proposals, 200-250 words in length, should reach conference@huguenotsociety.org.uk by 1 September 2014. The organisers hope to publish a volume of selected papers.