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the first overview of early modern english social history since the 1980s bringing together the leading authorities in the field a compelling authoritative account of the brilliant conflicted visionary world of tudor england when henry vii landed in a secluded bay in a far corner of wales it seemed inconceivable that this outsider could ever be king of england yet he and his descendants became some of england s most unforgettable rulers and gave their name to an age the story of the tudor monarchs is as astounding as it was unexpected but it was not the only one unfolding between 1485 and 1603 in cities towns and villages families and communities lived their lives through times of great upheaval in this comprehensive new history lucy wooding lets their voices speak exploring not just how monarchs ruled but also how men and women thought wrote lived and died we see a monarchy under strain religion in crisis a population contending with war rebellion plague and poverty remarkable in its range and depth tudor england explores the many tensions of these turbulent years and presents a markedly different picture from the one we thought we knew this comprehensive and beautifully illustrated collection of essays conveys a vivid picture of a fascinating and hugely significant period in history featuring contributions from thirty eight international scholars the book takes a thematic approach to a period which saw the defeat of the spanish armada the explorations of francis drake and walter raleigh the establishment of the protestant church the flourishing of commercial theatre and the works of edmund spencer philip sidney and william shakespeare encompassing social political cultural religious and economic history and crossing several disciplines the elizabethan world depicts a time of transformation and a world order in transition topics covered include central and local government political ideas censorship and propaganda parliament the protestant church the catholic community social hierarchies women the family and household popular culture commerce and consumption urban and rural economies theatre art architecture intellectual developments exploration and imperialism ireland and the elizabethan wars the volume conveys a vivid picture of how politics religion popular culture the world of work and social practices fit together in an exciting world of change and will be invaluable reading for all students and scholars of the elizabethan period shakespeare and the politics of commoners is a highly original contribution to

our understanding of shakespeare s plays it breaks important new ground in introducing readers lay and scholarly alike to the existence and character of the political culture of the mass of ordinary commoners in shakespeare s england as revealed by the recent findings of the new social history the volume thereby helps to challenge the traditional myths of a non political commons and a culture of obedience it also brings together leading shakespeareans who digest recent social history with eminent early modern social historians who turn their focus on shakespeare this genuinely cross disciplinary approach generates fresh readings of over ten of shakespeare s plays and locates the impress on shakespearean drama of popular political thought and pressure in this period of perceived crisis the volume is unique in engaging and digesting the dramatic importance of the discoveries of the new social history thereby resituating and revaluing shakespeare within the social depth of politics this comparative study gathers together new research by local historians into aspects of welfare in hertfordshire spanning four centuries and focusing on towns and villages across the county including ashwell cheshunt hertford pirton and royston amongst many others in so doing it makes a valuable contribution to the current debate about the spatial and chronological variation in the character of welfare regimes within single counties let alone more widely as well as viewing poor relief geographically and chronologically the book also considers the treatment of particular groups such as the aged the mad children and the unemployed and shows how within the constraints of the relevant welfare laws each group was dealt with differently giving a more nuanced picture than has perhaps been the case before the overarching question that the book attempts to answer is how effectively hertfordshire cared for those in need with chapters on madhouses workhouses certified industrial schools the foundling hospital pensions and medical care the book covers a very broad range of topics through which a complex picture emerges while some officials seem to have been driven by a relatively narrow sense of their obligations to the poor and vulnerable others appear to have tailored welfare packages to their precise needs naturally self interest played a part if the weakest citizens were well managed vagrancy might be lessened the spread of disease contained and control maintained over the cost of looking after the poor and sick it seems that hertfordshire was relatively nimble and sensitive in discovering and treating its people s needs evidence is beginning to emerge in other words that hertfordshire was in essence a caring county intoxicants substances that alter a person s mental and physiological state are a continuing obsession in their effect on the mind and body intoxicants go to the heart of what it means to be human in the tensions between free and uninhibited consumption on the one hand and the pressures of social regulation and personal responsibility on the other they also illuminate the daily paradoxes and sheer complexity of living in modern western societies yet this complexity and the rich history that underpins it is often lost in the current debates over

public policy intoxication and society sets out to supplement the contemporary discourse surrounding intoxication with a more nuanced appreciation of the history and nature of what is very much a multidimensional problem it does so by employing an interdisciplinary framework that includes contributions from leading academics in law sociology anthropology history literature neuroscience and social psychology the result is a subtle historical and contemporary rereading of the social construction of intoxication that will provide a secure basis for analysis as society continues to respond to the problematic pleasures of intoxication the elizabethan settlement and the church of england that emerged from it made way for a theological reformation an institutional reformation and a high political reformation it was a reformation that changed history birthed an anglican communion and would eventually launch new wars new language and even a new national identity a people s reformation offers a fundamental reinterpretation of the english reformation and the roots of the church of england drawing on archival material from across the united states and britain lucy kaufman examines the growing influence of state authority and the slow building of a robust state church from the bottom up in post reformation england situating the people of england at the heart of this story the book argues that while the reformation shaped everyday lives it was also profoundly shaped by them in turn england became a protestant nation not in spite of its people but through their active social political and religious participation in creating a new church in england a people s reformation explores this world from the pews reimagining the lived experience and fierce negotiation of church and state in the parishes of elizabethan england it places ordinary people at the centre of the local cultural and political history of the reformation and its remarkable transformative effect on the world uncovers sources from the parish pauper to the gentlewoman to consider relationships with clothing across the social hierarchy in the long eighteenth century descriptions of women s clothing increasingly circulated across textual genres and beyond in eighteenth century england this book explores the significance of these descriptions across a range of sources including wills newspapers accounts court records and the records of the old poor law attention has rested on women literate and wealthy enough to leave behind textual or material traces but this book ranges from the parish pauper to the gentlewoman to consider descriptive languages rhetorical strategies and relationships with clothing across the social hierarchy it explores how women described their own clothing but also looks at how it was described by overseers family members retailers and even strangers it shows that we must look beyond isolated descriptions to how why and who was describing clothing to understand its role chapters uncover themes of material obligation expectation and entitlement this book also contributes to our understanding of the material literacy of eighteenth century consumers it traces the role of textual description in this dissemination of knowledge about clothing but also

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of the significance of place space and flow in the history of english rural communities what is the enduring impact of presbyterianism on what it means to be scottish presbyterianism has shaped scotland and its impact on the world behind its beliefs lie some distinctive practices of governance which endure even when belief fades these practices place a particular emphasis on the detailed recording of decisions and what we can term a systemic form of accountability this book examines the emergence and consolidation of such practices in the 18th century church of scotland using extensive archival research and detailed local case studies it contrasts them to what is termed a personal form of accountability in england in the same period the wider impact of the systemic approach to governance and accountability especially in the united states of america is explored as is the enduring impact on scottish identity this book offers a fresh perspective on the presbyterian legacy in contemporary scottish historiography at the same time as informing current debates on national identity key features a novel focus on religion as social practice as opposed to belief or organizationa strong focus on scotland but in the context of britainextensive archival work in the church of scotland records with an emphasis on form as well as contenta different focus on the church of scotland in the eighteenth centuryoffers a detailed focus on local practice in the context of national debates this book sheds light on the shaping of the english bible and its impact on early modern english society and culture in the latter half of the twentieth century historians came to consider politics to mean more than simply the formal institutions and apparatus of government run by a small minority of wealthy educated elite men the word has been adopted by historians of different genres as synonymous with power or agency and the scope for political activity has been widened to incorporate a variety of everyday events and ordinary people these collected essays explore the quotidian experience of politics in the form of popular politics religion and popular culture the contributors consider for example the politics of the alehouse the politics of methodism the interrelationship between plebeian agency custom and memory the politics of economics dramatic agency and the politics of the spiritual parish collectively they suggest that political activity was embedded in almost every aspect of life in addition they draw on interdisciplinary theory in particular the spatial turn and how it can be used to better understand popular agency publishing business in eighteenth century england assesses the contribution of the business press and the publication of print to the economic transformation of england the impact of non book printing has been long neglected a raft of jobbing work serviced commerce and finance while many more practical guides and more ephemeral pamphlets on trade and investment were read than the books that we now associate with the foundations of modern political economy a pivotal change in the book trades apparent from the late seventeenth century was the increased separation of printers from bookseller publishers from the skilled

artisan to the bookseller financier who might have no prior training in the printing house but who took up the sale of publications as another commodity this book examines the broader social relationship between publication and the practical conduct of trade the book asks what it meant to be published and how print text and image related to the involvement of script the age of enlightenment was an age of astonishing commercial and financial transformation offering printers and the business press new market opportunities print helped to effect a business revolution the reliability reputation regularity authority and familiarity of print increased trust and confidence and changed attitudes and behaviours new modes of publication and the wide ranging products of printing houses had huge implications for the way lives were managed regulated and recorded james raven is professor of modern history at the university of essex and a fellow of magdalene college cambridge the routledge history of poverty c 1450 1800 is a pioneering exploration of both the lives of the very poorest during the early modern period and of the vast edifices of compassion and coercion erected around them by individuals institutions and states the essays chart critical new directions in poverty scholarship and connect poverty to the environment debt and downward social mobility material culture empires informal economies disability veterancy and more the volume contributes to the understanding of societal transformations across the early modern period and places poverty and the poor at the centre of these transformations it also argues for a wider definition of poverty in history which accounts for much more than economic and social circumstance and provides both analytically critical overviews and detailed case studies by exploring poverty and the poor across early modern europe this study is essential reading for students and researchers of early modern society economic history state formation and empire cultural representation and mobility written by leading authorities the volume can be considered a standard work on seventeenth century english social history london in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was a surprisingly diverse place home not just to people from throughout the british isles but to a significant population of french and dutch immigrants to travelers and refugees from beyond europe s borderlands and from the 1650s to a growing jewish community yet although we know much about the population of the capital of early modern england we know little about how londoners conceived of the many peoples of their own city diversity and difference in early modern london seeks to rectify this addressing the question of how the inhabitants of the metropolis ordered the heterogeneity around them rather than relying upon literary or theatrical representations this study emphasizes day to day practice drawing upon petitions government records guild minute books and taxation disputes along with plays and printed texts it shows how the people of london defined belonging and exclusion in the course of their daily actions through such prosaic activities as the making and selling of

goods the collection of taxes and the daily give and take of guild politics this book demonstrates that encounters with heterogeneity predate either imperial expansion or post colonial immigration in doing so it offers a perspective of interest both to scholars of the early modern english metropolis and to historians of race migration imperialism and the wider atlantic world an empirical examination of civic economics taxation and occupational politics that asks broader questions about multiculturalism and englishness this study speaks not just to the history of immigration in london itself but to the wider debate about evolving notions of national identity in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries friends neighbours sinners demonstrates the fundamental ways in which religious difference shaped english society in the first half of the eighteenth century by examining the social subtleties of interactions between people of differing beliefs and how they were mediated through languages and behaviours common to the long eighteenth century carys brown examines the graduated layers of religious exclusivity that influenced everyday existence by doing so the book points towards a new approach to the social and cultural history of the eighteenth century one that acknowledges the integral role of the dynamics of religious difference in key aspects of eighteenth century life this book therefore proposes not just to add to current understanding of religious coexistence in this period but to shift our ways of thinking about the construction of social discourses parish politics and cultural spaces in eighteenth century england shows how lordship and state formation affected local authority in the transition between medieval and early modern england this book explores how the institution of privilege and liberty shaped early modern economic development in france between 1650 and 1820 this extensive survey of migration in the modern world begins in the sixteenth century with the establishment of european colonies overseas and covers the history of migration to the late twentieth century when global communications and transport systems stimulated immense and complex flows of labour migrants and skilled professionals in ninety five contributions leading scholars from twenty seven different countries consider a wide variety of issues including migration patterns the flights of refugees and illegal migration each entry is a substantive essay supported by up to date bibliographies tables plates maps and figures as the most wide ranging coverage of migration in a single volume the cambridge survey of world migration will be an indispensable reference tool for scholars and students in the field the series studies and texts in scepticism contains monographs translations and collected essays exploring scepticism in its dual manifestation as a purely philosophical tradition and as a set of sceptical strategies concepts and attitudes in the cultural field especially in religions perhaps most notably in judaism in such cultural contexts scepticism manifests as a critical attitude towards different dimensions and systems of secular or revealed knowledge and towards religious and political authorities it is not

merely an intellectual or theoretical worldview but a critical form of life that expresses itself in such diverse phenomena as religion literature and society

further book series of the maimonides centre for advanced studies are jewish thought philosophy and religion and the yearbook of the maimonides centre for advances studies jeremy black sets the politics of eighteenth century britain into the fascinating context of social economic cultural religious and scientific developments the second edition of this successful text by a leading authority in the field has now been updated and expanded to incorporate the latest research and scholarship in this book noel d johnson and mark koyama tackle the question how does religious liberty develop exile in amsterdam is based on a rich extensive and previously untapped source for one of the most important and fascinating jewish communities in early modern europe the sermons of saul levi morteira ca 1596 1660 morteira the leading rabbi of amsterdam and a master of jewish homiletical art was known to have published only one book of fifty sermons in 1645 until a collection of 550 manuscript sermons in his own handwriting turned up in the rabbinical seminary of budapest after years of painstaking study from microfilms and three trips to budapest to consult the actual manuscripts marc saperstein has written the first comprehensive analysis of the historical significance of these texts some of which were heard by the young spinoza saperstein reviews the broad outlines of morteira s biography his treatment by scholars and his image in literary works he then reconstructs the process by which the preacher produced and delivered his sermons morteira s sermons also provide a trove of information about individuals and institutions in morteira s amsterdam enabling saperstein to analyze the shortcomings of behavior and the lapses in faith criticized by the preacher the sermons also presented an ongoing program of adult education that transmitted the jewish tradition on a high yet accessible level to a congregation of new jews immigrants who had lived as christians in portugal and were now assuming a jewish identity with minimal prior knowledge here saperstein focuses on themes morteira considered crucial memories of the historical past confrontations with christianity ideas of exile and messianic redemption and attitudes toward the new christians who remained in portugal these historical reflections on amsterdam s community of new jews are illustrated by eight of morteira s sermons which saperstein presents in english and with full annotation for the first time exile in amsterdam offers those interested in european jewish history and homiletics access to primary source documents and the scholarship of one of the premier historians of jewish preaching this authoritative companion introduces readers to the developments that lead to britain becoming a great world power the leading european imperial state and at the same time the most economically and socially advanced politically liberal and religiously tolerant nation in europe covers political social cultural economic and religious history written by an international team of experts examines britain s position from the



perspective of other european nations the medieval church was founded on and governed by concepts of faith and trust but not in the way that is popularly assumed offering a radical new interpretation of the institutional church and its social consequences in england ian forrest argues that between 1200 and 1500 the ability of bishops to govern depended on the cooperation of local people known as trustworthy men and shows how the combination of inequality and faith helped make the medieval church trustworthy men in latin viri fidedigni were jurors informants and witnesses who represented their parishes when bishops needed local knowledge or reliable collaborators their importance in church courts at inquests and during visitations grew enormously between the thirteenth and fifteenth centuries the church had to trust these men and this trust rested on the complex and deep rooted cultures of faith that underpinned promises and obligations personal reputation and identity and belief in god but trust also had a dark side for the church to discriminate between the trustworthy and untrustworthy was not to identify the most honest christians but to find people whose status ensured their word would not be contradicted this meant men rather than women and usually the wealthier tenants and property holders in each parish trustworthy men illustrates the ways in which the english church relied on and deepened inequalities within late medieval society and how trust and faith were manipulated for political ends this book offers an insight into the social relationships and topographies that fashioned both city life and landscape and serves as a useful counterpoise in a field that has largely focused on london this is a book about seventeenth century norwich and its inhabitants at its core are the interconnected themes of social topographies and the relationships between urban inhabitants and their environment cityscapes were and are shaped and given meaning during the practice of people s lived experiences in return those same urban places lend human interactions depth and quality social relations and urban space uncovers manifold possible landscapes including those belonging to the rich and to the poor to men to women to strangers and foreigners to political actors of both formal and informal means norwich s inhabitants witnessed the tumultuous seventeenth centuryat first hand and their experiences were written into the landscape and immortalised in its exemplary surviving records this book offers an insight into the social relationships and topographies that fashioned both city life and landscape and serves as a useful counterpoise in a field that has largely focused on london fiona williamson is currently senior lecturer in history at the national university of malaysia based on primary resources and interviews with current residents and recent trustees this well researched history traces the growth and progress of doughty s hospital an almshouse in norwich england while examining the various philanthropic initiatives and social policies in britain as a whole from the hospital s foundation at the bequest of the departed william doughty in 1687 to its present condition this record considers key aspects of the

hospital s development including its residents staff financial management and rules and regulations with chapters on the 18th 19th and 20th centuries this account makes a valuable contribution to the history of social welfare english rural society underwent fundamental changes between the thirteenth and eighteenth centuries with urbanization commercialization and industrialization producing new challenges and opportunities for inhabitants of rural communities however our understanding of this period has been shaped by the compartmentalization of history into medieval and early modern specialisms and by the debates surrounding the transition from feudalism to capitalism and landlord tenant relations inspired by the classic works of tawney and postan this collection of essays examines their relevance to historians today distinguishing between their contrasting approaches to the pre industrial economy and exploring the development of agriculture and rural industry changes in land and property rights and competition over resources in the english countryside the english revolution was a revolution in reading for the first time more people had access to books and other printed media containing a far broader spectrum of information than had previously been the case but an increase in access to material meant an increase in discussion and expression of opinions some of which had the potential to be detrimental to the stability of the state it was therefore in the interest of the state to restrict access to this material to those that possessed the requisite educational training with which to understand the ideas and opinions now in circulation for samuel hartlib john dury johan amos comenius john hall john milton and marchamont nedham however the answer lay not in restricting access to information and education but rather in the extension of educational opportunity beyond the governing elite of the country in order to equip the emerging reading public with the skills they needed to take an active part in the political life of the country in the opinion of these writers it was only through effective educational reform that the political and religious growth of the country could continue a strong theme emerging within the tracts discussed in this book is that an adequately reformed educational system will provide the state with an able and useful populace on which they can depend in times of crisis allied to this is the notion that the populace is entitled to receive a level of education appropriate to their abilities and talents and that the state bears a responsibility to play at least some part in providing that education whether formally or through the dissemination of information through the printing press as will be seen from the discussion of the literature produced at the time the ideas and reforms suggested within these tracts were the continuation of an intellectual context in which the development of learning and the expansion of knowledge were seen as paramount drawing on the religious ideas of the millennium as well as the philosophical ideas of bacon especially the writers to be considered here sought the reformation of the educational system as well as a broader series of social reforms in order to perfect the reformation

and make england ready for the new age empowered by new wealth and by their faith early modern londoners began to use philanthropy to assert their cultural authority in distant parts of the nation culture faith and philanthropy analyzes how disputes between london and provincial authorities over such benefactions demonstrated the often tense relations between center and periphery this engrossing fast paced extremely well researched biography booklist transports us to tudor and stuart england as alice spencer the daughter of an upstart sheep farmer becomes one of the most powerful women in the country and establishes a powerful dynasty that endures to this day perfect for fans of the duchess countess and georgiana alice spencer was born in 1560 to a family on the rise her grandfather had amassed a sizeable estate of fertile grazing land and made a small fortune in sheep farming allowing him to purchase a simple but distinguished manor house called althorp with her sizable dowry alice married the heir to one of the most powerful aristocratic families in the country eventually becoming the countess of derby though she enjoyed modest renown it wasn't until her husband's sudden death after he turned in a group of catholics for plotting against queen elizabeth i that alice and her family's future changed forever faced with a lawsuit from her brother in law over her late husband's fortune alice raised eyebrows by marrying england's most powerful lawyer together they were victorious and alice focused her attentions on securing appropriate husbands for her daughters increasing her land ownings and securing a bright future for her grandchildren and the entire spencer family but they would not completely escape scandals and as the matriarch alice had to face an infamous trial that threatened everything she had worked so hard for now in this riveting tale reads more like a legal thriller than historical nonfiction beth morrison coauthor of the lawless land the full story of the remarkable alice spencer stanley egerton is revealed a woman both ahead of and part of her time alice's ruthless challenging of the status quo has inspired future generations of spencers and will change the way you view tudor women the dawn of the tudor regime is one of most recognisable periods of english history this book sheds new light on the relationship between crown and society by exploring the untouched archives for the tudor monarchy's administration of justice presenting a more holistic vision of politics and society in late medieval and early modern england this pioneering history of the dutch empire provides a new comprehensive overview of dutch colonial expansion from a comparative and global perspective it also offers a fascinating window into the early modern societies of asia africa and the americas through their interactions whether forced by governmental decree driven by persecution and economic distress or seeking financial opportunity the jews of early modern europe were extraordinarily mobile experiencing both displacement and integration into new cultural legal and political settings this in turn led to unprecedented modes of social mixing for jews especially for those living in urban areas who frequently

encountered jews from different ethnic backgrounds and cultural orientations additionally jews formed social economic and intellectual bonds with mixed populations of christians while not necessarily effacing jewish loyalties to local places authorities and customs these connections and exposures to novel cultural settings created new allegiances as well as new challenges resulting in constructive relations in some cases and provoking strife and controversy in others the essays collected by francesca bregoli and david b ruderman in connecting histories show that while it is not possible to speak of a single cohesive transregional jewish culture in the early modern period jews experienced pockets of supra local connections between west and east for example between italy and poland poland and the holy land and western and eastern ashkenaz as well as increased exchanges between high and low culture special attention is devoted to the impact of the printing press and the strategies of representation and self representation through which jews forged connections in a world where their status as a tolerated minority was ambiguous and in constant need of renegotiation exploring the ways in which early modern jews related to jews from different backgrounds and to the non jews around them connecting histories emphasizes not only the challenging nature and impact of these encounters but also the ambivalence experienced by jews as they met their others contributors michela andreatta francesca bregoli joseph davis jesús de prado plumed andrea gondos rachel l greenblatt gershon david hundert fabrizio lelli moshe idel debra kaplan lucia raspe david b ruderman pavel sládek claude b stuczynski rebekka voß in jews judaism and success robert eisen attempts to solve a long standing mystery that has fascinated many how did jews become such a remarkably successful minority in the modern western world eisen argues that jews achieved such success because they were unusually well prepared for it by their religion in particular rabbinic judaism or the judaism of the rabbis rooted in the talmud this form of judaism instilled in jews key values that paved the way for success in modern western society autonomy freedom of thought worldliness and education the book carefully analyses the evolution of these four values over the past two thousand years in order to demonstrate that they had a longer and richer history in jewish culture than in western culture the book thus disputes the common assumption that rabbinic judaism was always an obstacle to jews becoming modernized it demonstrates that while modern jews rejected aspects of rabbinic judaism they also retained some of its values and these values in particular led to jewish success written for a broad range of readers jews judaism and success provides unique insights on the meaning of success and how it is achieved in the modern world at the heart of this study on cross cultural trade lies a concrete case study of a network of diamond merchants operating in the early eighteenth century all the traders examined in this study are outsiders an english catholic in antwerp sephardic and ashkenazi jews in london and amsterdam and french huguenots in lisbon

traces the history of gendered policing back to its emergence from the early modern patriarchal household international in perspective the essays in this volume are primarily concerned with two facets of the mixed economy of welfare charity and mutual aid emphasizing the close relationship between these two elements and the often blurred boundaries between each of them and commercial provision contributors raise crucial questions about the relationship between rights and responsibilities within the mixed economy of welfare and the ties which bind both the donors and recipients of charity and the members of voluntary organisations the volume critically assesses the relationships between the statutory and voluntary sectors in a variety of national settings including britain the united states the netherlands sweden norway canada and germany during the last two hundred and fifty years making the book as topical as it is significant

## **A Social History of England, 1500-1750**

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### **Tudor England**

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a compelling authoritative account of the brilliant conflicted visionary world of tudor england when henry vii landed in a secluded bay in a far corner of wales it seemed inconceivable that this outsider could ever be king of england yet he and his descendants became some of england s most unforgettable rulers and gave their name to an age the story of the tudor monarchs is as astounding as it was unexpected but it was not the only one unfolding between 1485 and 1603 in cities towns and villages families and communities lived their lives through times of great upheaval in this comprehensive new history lucy wooding lets their voices speak exploring not just how monarchs ruled but also how men and women thought wrote lived and died we see a monarchy under strain religion in crisis a population contending with war rebellion plague and poverty remarkable in its range and depth tudor england explores the many tensions of these turbulent years and presents a markedly different picture from the one we thought we knew

### **The Elizabethan World**

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this comprehensive and beautifully illustrated collection of essays conveys a vivid picture of a fascinating and hugely significant period in history featuring contributions from thirty eight international scholars the book takes a thematic approach to a period which saw the defeat of the spanish armada the explorations of francis drake and walter raleigh the establishment of the protestant church the flourishing of commercial theatre and the works of edmund spencer philip sidney and william shakespeare encompassing social political cultural religious and economic history and crossing several disciplines the elizabethan world depicts a time of transformation and a world order in transition topics covered include central and local government political ideas censorship and propaganda parliament the protestant church the catholic

community social hierarchies women the family and household popular culture commerce and consumption urban and rural economies theatre art architecture intellectual developments exploration and imperialism ireland and the elizabethan wars the volume conveys a vivid picture of how politics religion popular culture the world of work and social practices fit together in an exciting world of change and will be invaluable reading for all students and scholars of the elizabethan period

## ***Shakespeare and the Politics of Commoners***

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shakespeare and the politics of commoners is a highly original contribution to our understanding of shakespeare s plays it breaks important new ground in introducing readers lay and scholarly alike to the existence and character of the political culture of the mass of ordinary commoners in shakespeare s england as revealed by the recent findings of the new social history the volume thereby helps to challenge the traditional myths of a non political commons and a culture of obedience it also brings together leading shakespeareans who digest recent social history with eminent early modern social historians who turn their focus on shakespeare this genuinely cross disciplinary approach generates fresh readings of over ten of shakespeare s plays and locates the impress on shakespearean drama of popular political thought and pressure in this period of perceived crisis the volume is unique in engaging and digesting the dramatic importance of the discoveries of the new social history thereby resituating and revaluing shakespeare within the social depth of politics

## **A Caring County?**

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this comparative study gathers together new research by local historians into aspects of welfare in hertfordshire spanning four centuries and focusing on towns and villages across the county including ashwell cheshunt hertford pirton and royston amongst many others in so doing it makes a valuable contribution to the current debate about the spatial and chronological variation in the character of welfare regimes within single counties let alone more widely as well as viewing poor relief geographically and chronologically the book also considers the treatment of particular groups such as the aged the mad children and the unemployed and shows how within the constraints of the relevant welfare laws each group was dealt with differently giving a more nuanced picture than has perhaps been the case before the overarching question that the book attempts to

answer is how effectively hertfordshire cared for those in need with chapters on madhouses workhouses certified industrial schools the founding hospital pensions and medical care the book covers a very broad range of topics through which a complex picture emerges while some officials seem to have been driven by a relatively narrow sense of their obligations to the poor and vulnerable others appear to have tailored welfare packages to their precise needs naturally self interest played a part if the weakest citizens were well managed vagrancy might be lessened the spread of disease contained and control maintained over the cost of looking after the poor and sick it seems that hertfordshire was relatively nimble and sensitive in discovering and treating its people s needs evidence is beginning to emerge in other words that hertfordshire was in essence a caring county

### **Intoxication and Society**

2012-12-21

intoxicants substances that alter a person s mental and physiological state are a continuing obsession in their effect on the mind and body intoxicants go to the heart of what it means to be human in the tensions between free and uninhibited consumption on the one hand and the pressures of social regulation and personal responsibility on the other they also illuminate the daily paradoxes and sheer complexity of living in modern western societies yet this complexity and the rich history that underpins it is often lost in the current debates over public policy intoxication and society sets out to supplement the contemporary discourse surrounding intoxication with a more nuanced appreciation of the history and nature of what is very much a multidimensional problem it does so by employing an interdisciplinary framework that includes contributions from leading academics in law sociology anthropology history literature neuroscience and social psychology the result is a subtle historical and contemporary rereading of the social construction of intoxication that will provide a secure basis for analysis as society continues to respond to the problematic pleasures of intoxication

### **A People's Reformation**

2023-04-15

the elizabethan settlement and the church of england that emerged from it made way for a theological reformation an institutional reformation and a high political reformation it was a reformation that changed history birthed an anglican communion and would eventually launch new wars new language and



even a new national identity a people's reformation offers a fundamental reinterpretation of the English reformation and the roots of the Church of England drawing on archival material from across the United States and Britain Lucy Kaufman examines the growing influence of state authority and the slow building of a robust state church from the bottom up in post-reformation England situating the people of England at the heart of this story the book argues that while the reformation shaped everyday lives it was also profoundly shaped by them in turn England became a Protestant nation not in spite of its people but through their active social political and religious participation in creating a new church in England a people's reformation explores this world from the pews reimagining the lived experience and fierce negotiation of church and state in the parishes of Elizabethan England it places ordinary people at the centre of the local cultural and political history of the reformation and its remarkable transformative effect on the world

## **Describing Women's Clothing in Eighteenth-Century England**

2024-03-12

uncovers sources from the parish pauper to the gentlewoman to consider relationships with clothing across the social hierarchy in the long eighteenth century descriptions of women's clothing increasingly circulated across textual genres and beyond in eighteenth century England this book explores the significance of these descriptions across a range of sources including wills newspapers accounts court records and the records of the old poor law attention has rested on women literate and wealthy enough to leave behind textual or material traces but this book ranges from the parish pauper to the gentlewoman to consider descriptive languages rhetorical strategies and relationships with clothing across the social hierarchy it explores how women described their own clothing but also looks at how it was described by overseers family members retailers and even strangers it shows that we must look beyond isolated descriptions to how why and who was describing clothing to understand its role chapters uncover themes of material obligation expectation and entitlement this book also contributes to our understanding of the material literacy of eighteenth century consumers it traces the role of textual description in this dissemination of knowledge about clothing but also alerts us to what was happening beyond the written word drawing attention to the communication of multisensory information above all it demonstrates that there remains much still to be unpicked from textual sources uncover themes of material obligation expectation and entitlement this book also contributes to our understanding of the material

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## **The Social Topography of a Rural Community**

2023-05-11

the social topography of a rural community is a micro history of an exceptionally well documented seventeenth century english village chilvers coton in north eastern warwickshire drawing on a rich archive of sources including an occupational census detailed estate maps account books private journals and hundreds of deeds and wills and employing a novel micro spatial methodology it reconstructs the life experience of some 780 inhabitants spread across 176 households this offers a unique opportunity to visualize members of an english rural community as they responded to and in turn initiated changes in social and economic activity making their own history on their own terms in so doing the book brings to the fore the social economic and spatial lives of people who have been marginalized from conventional historical discourse and offers an unusual level of detail relating to the spatial and demographic details of local life each of the substantive chapters focuses on the contributions and experiences of a particular household in the parish the mill the vicarage the alehouse the blacksmith s forge the hovels of the labourers and coalminers the cottages of the nail smiths and ribbon weavers the farms of the yeomen and craftsmen and the manor house of arbury hall itself locating them precisely on specific sites in the landscape and the built environment and sketching the evolving taskscapes in which the inhabitants dwelled a novel contribution to spatial history as well as early modern material social and economic history more generally this study

represents a highly original analysis of the significance of place space and flow in the history of english rural communities

## **Religion and National Identity**

2015-03-23

what is the enduring impact of presbyterianism on what it means to be scottish presbyterianism has shaped scotland and its impact on the world behind its beliefs lie some distinctive practices of governance which endure even when belief fades these practices place a particular emphasis on the detailed recording of decisions and what we can term a systemic form of accountability this book examines the emergence and consolidation of such practices in the 18th century church of scotland using extensive archival research and detailed local case studies it contrasts them to what is termed a personal form of accountability in england in the same period the wider impact of the systemic approach to governance and accountability especially in the united states of america is explored as is the enduring impact on scottish identity this book offers a fresh perspective on the presbyterian legacy in contemporary scottish historiography at the same time as informing current debates on national identity key features a novel focus on religion as social practice as opposed to belief or organizationa strong focus on scotland but in the context of britainextensive archival work in the church of scotland records with an emphasis on form as well as contenta different focus on the church of scotland in the eighteenth centuryoffers a detailed focus on local practice in the context of national debates

## ***The Social Universe of the English Bible***

2010-10-28

this book sheds light on the shaping of the english bible and its impact on early modern english society and culture

## ***Locating Agency***

2011-10-18

in the latter half of the twentieth century historians came to consider politics to mean more than simply the formal institutions and apparatus of government run by a small minority of wealthy educated elite men the word has been adopted by historians of different genres as synonymous with power or agency and the

scope for political activity has been widened to incorporate a variety of everyday events and ordinary people these collected essays explore the quotidian experience of politics in the form of popular politics religion and popular culture the contributors consider for example the politics of the alehouse the politics of methodism the interrelationship between plebeian agency custom and memory the politics of economics dramatic agency and the politics of the spiritual parish collectively they suggest that political activity was embedded in almost every aspect of life in addition they draw on interdisciplinary theory in particular the spatial turn and how it can be used to better understand popular agency

## **Publishing Business in Eighteenth-century England**

2014

publishing business in eighteenth century england assesses the contribution of the business press and the publication of print to the economic transformation of england the impact of non book printing has been long neglected a raft of jobbing work serviced commerce and finance while many more practical guides and more ephemeral pamphlets on trade and investment were read than the books that we now associate with the foundations of modern political economy a pivotal change in the book trades apparent from the late seventeenth century was the increased separation of printers from bookseller publishers from the skilled artisan to the bookseller financier who might have no prior training in the printing house but who took up the sale of publications as another commodity this book examines the broader social relationship between publication and the practical conduct of trade the book asks what it meant to be published and how print text and image related to the involvement of script the age of enlightenment was an age of astonishing commercial and financial transformation offering printers and the business press new market opportunities print helped to effect a business revolution the reliability reputation regularity authority and familiarity of print increased trust and confidence and changed attitudes and behaviours new modes of publication and the wide ranging products of printing houses had huge implications for the way lives were managed regulated and recorded james raven is professor of modern history at the university of essex and a fellow of magdalene college cambridge

## **The Routledge History of Poverty, c.1450-1800**

2020-12-30

the routledge history of poverty c 1450 1800 is a pioneering exploration of both the lives of the very poorest during the early modern period and of the vast edifices of compassion and coercion erected around them by individuals institutions and states the essays chart critical new directions in poverty scholarship and connect poverty to the environment debt and downward social mobility material culture empires informal economies disability veterancy and more the volume contributes to the understanding of societal transformations across the early modern period and places poverty and the poor at the centre of these transformations it also argues for a wider definition of poverty in history which accounts for much more than economic and social circumstance and provides both analytically critical overviews and detailed case studies by exploring poverty and the poor across early modern europe this study is essential reading for students and researchers of early modern society economic history state formation and empire cultural representation and mobility

## ***Remaking English Society***

2015-04-16

written by leading authorities the volume can be considered a standard work on seventeenth century english social history

## ***Diversity and Difference in Early Modern London***

2016-05-23

london in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was a surprisingly diverse place home not just to people from throughout the british isles but to a significant population of french and dutch immigrants to travelers and refugees from beyond europe s borderlands and from the 1650s to a growing jewish community yet although we know much about the population of the capital of early modern england we know little about how londoners conceived of the many peoples of their own city diversity and difference in early modern london seeks to rectify this addressing the question of how the inhabitants of the metropolis ordered the heterogeneity around them rather than relying upon literary or theatrical representations this study emphasizes day to day practice drawing upon petitions government records guild minute books and taxation disputes along with plays and printed texts it shows how the people of london defined belonging and exclusion in the course of their daily actions through such prosaic activities as the making and selling of goods the collection of taxes and

the daily give and take of guild politics this book demonstrates that encounters with heterogeneity predate either imperial expansion or post colonial immigration in doing so it offers a perspective of interest both to scholars of the early modern english metropolis and to historians of race migration imperialism and the wider atlantic world an empirical examination of civic economics taxation and occupational politics that asks broader questions about multiculturalism and englishness this study speaks not just to the history of immigration in london itself but to the wider debate about evolving notions of national identity in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries

## **Friends, Neighbours, Sinners**

2022-08-04

friends neighbours sinners demonstrates the fundamental ways in which religious difference shaped english society in the first half of the eighteenth century by examining the social subtleties of interactions between people of differing beliefs and how they were mediated through languages and behaviours common to the long eighteenth century carys brown examines the graduated layers of religious exclusivity that influenced everyday existence by doing so the book points towards a new approach to the social and cultural history of the eighteenth century one that acknowledges the integral role of the dynamics of religious difference in key aspects of eighteenth century life this book therefore proposes not just to add to current understanding of religious coexistence in this period but to shift our ways of thinking about the construction of social discourses parish politics and cultural spaces in eighteenth century england

## **Lordship, State Formation and Local Authority in Late Medieval and Early Modern England**

2023-07-27

shows how lordship and state formation affected local authority in the transition between medieval and early modern england

## **Economic Development in Early Modern France**

2015-02-26

this book explores how the institution of privilege and liberty shaped early modern economic development in france between 1650 and 1820

## **The Cambridge Survey of World Migration**

1995-11-02

this extensive survey of migration in the modern world begins in the sixteenth century with the establishment of european colonies overseas and covers the history of migration to the late twentieth century when global communications and transport systems stimulated immense and complex flows of labour migrants and skilled professionals in ninety five contributions leading scholars from twenty seven different countries consider a wide variety of issues including migration patterns the flights of refugees and illegal migration each entry is a substantive essay supported by up to date bibliographies tables plates maps and figures as the most wide ranging coverage of migration in a single volume the cambridge survey of world migration will be an indispensable reference tool for scholars and students in the field

## **Isaac Orobio**

2018-11-05

the series studies and texts in scepticism contains monographs translations and collected essays exploring scepticism in its dual manifestation as a purely philosophical tradition and as a set of sceptical strategies concepts and attitudes in the cultural field especially in religions perhaps most notably in judaism in such cultural contexts scepticism manifests as a critical attitude towards different dimensions and systems of secular or revealed knowledge and towards religious and political authorities it is not merely an intellectual or theoretical worldview but a critical form of life that expresses itself in such diverse phenomena as religion literature and society further book series of the maimonides centre for advanced studies are jewish thought philosophy and religion and the yearbook of the maimonides centre for advances studies

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2003

jeremy black sets the politics of eighteenth century britain into the fascinating context of social economic cultural religious and scientific developments the second edition of this successful text by a leading authority in the field has now been updated and expanded to incorporate the latest research and scholarship

## ***Eighteenth-Century Britain, 1688-1783***

2008-09-10

in this book noel d johnson and mark koyama tackle the question how does religious liberty develop

## **Persecution & Toleration**

2019-02-14

exile in amsterdam is based on a rich extensive and previously untapped source for one of the most important and fascinating jewish communities in early modern europe the sermons of saul levi morteira ca 1596 1660 morteira the leading rabbi of amsterdam and a master of jewish homiletical art was known to have published only one book of fifty sermons in 1645 until a collection of 550 manuscript sermons in his own handwriting turned up in the rabbinical seminary of budapest after years of painstaking study from microfilms and three trips to budapest to consult the actual manuscripts marc saperstein has written the first comprehensive analysis of the historical significance of these texts some of which were heard by the young spinoza saperstein reviews the broad outlines of morteira s biography his treatment by scholars and his image in literary works he then reconstructs the process by which the preacher produced and delivered his sermons morteira s sermons also provide a trove of information about individuals and institutions in morteira s amsterdam enabling saperstein to analyze the shortcomings of behavior and the lapses in faith criticized by the preacher the sermons also presented an ongoing program of adult education that transmitted the jewish tradition on a high yet accessible level to a congregation of new jews immigrants who had lived as christians in portugal and were now assuming a jewish identity with minimal prior knowledge here saperstein focuses on themes morteira considered crucial memories of the historical past confrontations with christianity ideas of exile and messianic redemption and attitudes toward the new christians who remained in portugal these historical reflections on amsterdam s community of new jews are illustrated by eight of morteira s sermons which saperstein presents in english and with full annotation for the first time exile in amsterdam offers those interested in european jewish history and homiletics access to primary source documents and the scholarship of one of the premier historians of jewish preaching



## ***Exile in Amsterdam***

2005-12-31

this authoritative companion introduces readers to the developments that lead to britain becoming a great world power the leading european imperial state and at the same time the most economically and socially advanced politically liberal and religiously tolerant nation in europe covers political social cultural economic and religious history written by an international team of experts examines britain s position from the perspective of other european nations

## **A Companion to Eighteenth-Century Britain**

2008-04-15

the medieval church was founded on and governed by concepts of faith and trust but not in the way that is popularly assumed offering a radical new interpretation of the institutional church and its social consequences in england ian forrest argues that between 1200 and 1500 the ability of bishops to govern depended on the cooperation of local people known as trustworthy men and shows how the combination of inequality and faith helped make the medieval church trustworthy men in latin viri fidedigni were jurors informants and witnesses who represented their parishes when bishops needed local knowledge or reliable collaborators their importance in church courts at inquests and during visitations grew enormously between the thirteenth and fifteenth centuries the church had to trust these men and this trust rested on the complex and deep rooted cultures of faith that underpinned promises and obligations personal reputation and identity and belief in god but trust also had a dark side for the church to discriminate between the trustworthy and untrustworthy was not to identify the most honest christians but to find people whose status ensured their word would not be contradicted this meant men rather than women and usually the wealthier tenants and property holders in each parish trustworthy men illustrates the ways in which the english church relied on and deepened inequalities within late medieval society and how trust and faith were manipulated for political ends

## **Trustworthy Men**

2020-03-31

this book offers an insight into the social relationships and topographies that

fashioned both city life and landscape and serves as a useful counterpoise in a field that has largely focused on london this is a book about seventeenth century norwich and its inhabitants at its core are the interconnected themes of social topographies and the relationships between urban inhabitants and their environment cityscapes were and are shaped and given meaning during the practice of people s lived experiences in return those same urban places lend human interactions depth and quality social relations and urban space uncovers manifold possible landscapes including those belonging to the rich and to the poor to men to women to strangers and foreigners to political actors of both formal and informal means norwich s inhabitants witnessed the tumultuous seventeenth century at first hand and their experiences were written into the landscape and immortalised in its exemplary surviving records this book offers an insight into the social relationships and topographies that fashioned both city life and landscape and serves as a useful counterpoise in a field that has largely focused on london fiona williamson is currently senior lecturer in history at the national university of malaysia

## **Social Relations and Urban Space**

2014

based on primary resources and interviews with current residents and recent trustees this well researched history traces the growth and progress of doughty s hospital an almshouse in norwich england while examining the various philanthropic initiatives and social policies in britain as a whole from the hospital s foundation at the bequest of the departed william doughty in 1687 to its present condition this record considers key aspects of the hospital s development including its residents staff financial management and rules and regulations with chapters on the 18th 19th and 20th centuries this account makes a valuable contribution to the history of social welfare

## **A History of Doughty's Hospital, Norwich, 1687-2009**

2010

english rural society underwent fundamental changes between the thirteenth and eighteenth centuries with urbanization commercialization and industrialization producing new challenges and opportunities for inhabitants of rural communities however our understanding of this period has been shaped by the compartmentalization of history into medieval and early modern specialisms

and by the debates surrounding the transition from feudalism to capitalism and landlord tenant relations inspired by the classic works of tawney and postan this collection of essays examines their relevance to historians today distinguishing between their contrasting approaches to the pre industrial economy and exploring the development of agriculture and rural industry changes in land and property rights and competition over resources in the english countryside

## **Custom and Commercialisation in English Rural Society**

2016-03-01

the english revolution was a revolution in reading for the first time more people had access to books and other printed media containing a far broader spectrum of information than had previously been the case but an increase in access to material meant an increase in discussion and expression of opinions some of which had the potential to be detrimental to the stability of the state it was therefore in the interest of the state to restrict access to this material to those that possessed the requisite educational training with which to understand the ideas and opinions now in circulation for samuel hartlib john dury johan amos comenius john hall john milton and marchamont nedham however the answer lay not in restricting access to information and education but rather in the extension of educational opportunity beyond the governing elite of the country in order to equip the emerging reading public with the skills they needed to take an active part in the political life of the country in the opinion of these writers it was only through effective educational reform that the political and religious growth of the country could continue a strong theme emerging within the tracts discussed in this book is that an adequately reformed educational system will provide the state with an able and useful populace on which they can depend in times of crisis allied to this is the notion that the populace is entitled to receive a level of education appropriate to their abilities and talents and that the state bears a responsibility to play at least some part in providing that education whether formally or through the dissemination of information through the printing press as will be seen from the discussion of the literature produced at the time the ideas and reforms suggested within these tracts were the continuation of an intellectual context in which the development of learning and the expansion of knowledge were seen as paramount drawing on the religious ideas of the millennium as well as the philosophical ideas of bacon especially the writers to be considered here sought the reformation of the educational system as well as a broader series of social reforms in order to perfect the reformation and make england ready for the new age

## ***Educating the 'Unconstant Rabble'***

2010-05-11

empowered by new wealth and by their faith early modern londoners began to use philanthropy to assert their cultural authority in distant parts of the nation culture faith and philanthropy analyzes how disputes between london and provincial authorities over such benefactions demonstrated the often tense relations between center and periphery

## **Culture, Faith, and Philanthropy**

2013-03-20

this engrossing fast paced extremely well researched biography booklist transports us to tudor and stuart england as alice spencer the daughter of an upstart sheep farmer becomes one of the most powerful women in the country and establishes a powerful dynasty that endures to this day perfect for fans of the duchess countess and georgiana alice spencer was born in 1560 to a family on the rise her grandfather had amassed a sizeable estate of fertile grazing land and made a small fortune in sheep farming allowing him to purchase a simple but distinguished manor house called althorp with her sizable dowry alice married the heir to one of the most powerful aristocratic families in the country eventually becoming the countess of derby though she enjoyed modest renown it wasn't until her husband's sudden death after he turned in a group of catholics for plotting against queen elizabeth i that alice and her family's future changed forever faced with a lawsuit from her brother in law over her late husband's fortune alice raised eyebrows by marrying england's most powerful lawyer together they were victorious and alice focused her attentions on securing appropriate husbands for her daughters increasing her land ownings and securing a bright future for her grandchildren and the entire spencer family but they would not completely escape scandals and as the matriarch alice had to face an infamous trial that threatened everything she had worked so hard for now in this riveting tale reads more like a legal thriller than historical nonfiction beth morrison coauthor of the lawless land the full story of the remarkable alice spencer stanley egerton is revealed a woman both ahead of and part of her time alice's ruthless challenging of the status quo has inspired future generations of spencers and will change the way you view tudor women

## **A Woman of Influence**

2023-04-18

the dawn of the tudor regime is one of most recognisable periods of english history this book sheds new light on the relationship between crown and society by exploring the untouched archives for the tudor monarchy s administration of justice presenting a more holistic vision of politics and society in late medieval and early modern england

## **Royal Justice and the Making of the Tudor Commonwealth, 1485-1547**

2023-10-31

this pioneering history of the dutch empire provides a new comprehensive overview of dutch colonial expansion from a comparative and global perspective it also offers a fascinating window into the early modern societies of asia africa and the americas through their interactions

## **The Dutch Overseas Empire, 1600-1800**

2020-10-15

whether forced by governmental decree driven by persecution and economic distress or seeking financial opportunity the jews of early modern europe were extraordinarily mobile experiencing both displacement and integration into new cultural legal and political settings this in turn led to unprecedented modes of social mixing for jews especially for those living in urban areas who frequently encountered jews from different ethnic backgrounds and cultural orientations additionally jews formed social economic and intellectual bonds with mixed populations of christians while not necessarily effacing jewish loyalties to local places authorities and customs these connections and exposures to novel cultural settings created new allegiances as well as new challenges resulting in constructive relations in some cases and provoking strife and controversy in others the essays collected by francesca bregoli and david b ruderman in connecting histories show that while it is not possible to speak of a single cohesive transregional jewish culture in the early modern period jews experienced pockets of supra local connections between west and east for example between italy and poland poland and the holy land and western and eastern ashkenaz as well as increased exchanges between high and low culture

special attention is devoted to the impact of the printing press and the strategies of representation and self representation through which jews forged connections in a world where their status as a tolerated minority was ambiguous and in constant need of renegotiation exploring the ways in which early modern jews related to jews from different backgrounds and to the non jews around them connecting histories emphasizes not only the challenging nature and impact of these encounters but also the ambivalence experienced by jews as they met their others contributors michela andreatta francesca bregoli joseph davis jesús de prado plumed andrea gondos rachel l greenblatt gershon david hundert fabrizio lelli moshe idel debra kaplan lucia raspe david b ruderman pavel sládek claude b stuczynski rebekka voß

### **Connecting Histories**

2019-03-07

in jews judaism and success robert eisen attempts to solve a long standing mystery that has fascinated many how did jews become such a remarkably successful minority in the modern western world eisen argues that jews achieved such success because they were unusually well prepared for it by their religion in particular rabbinic judaism or the judaism of the rabbis rooted in the talmud this form of judaism instilled in jews key values that paved the way for success in modern western society autonomy freedom of thought worldliness and education the book carefully analyses the evolution of these four values over the past two thousand years in order to demonstrate that they had a longer and richer history in jewish culture than in western culture the book thus disputes the common assumption that rabbinic judaism was always an obstacle to jews becoming modernized it demonstrates that while modern jews rejected aspects of rabbinic judaism they also retained some of its values and these values in particular led to jewish success written for a broad range of readers jews judaism and success provides unique insights on the meaning of success and how it is achieved in the modern world

### **Jews, Judaism, and Success**

2023-06-23

at the heart of this study on cross cultural trade lies a concrete case study of a network of diamond merchants operating in the early eighteenth century all the traders examined in this study are outsiders an english catholic in antwerp sephardic and ashkenazi jews in london and amsterdam and french huguenots in lisbon

## ***Global Trade and Commercial Networks***

2015-10-06

traces the history of gendered policing back to its emergence from the early modern patriarchal household

## ***Gender and Policing in Early Modern England***

2023-06-30

international in perspective the essays in this volume are primarily concerned with two facets of the mixed economy of welfare charity and mutual aid emphasizing the close relationship between these two elements and the often blurred boundaries between each of them and commercial provision contributors raise crucial questions about the relationship between rights and responsibilities within the mixed economy of welfare and the ties which bind both the donors and recipients of charity and the members of voluntary organisations the volume critically assesses the relationships between the statutory and voluntary sectors in a variety of national settings including britain the united states the netherlands sweden norway canada and germany during the last two hundred and fifty years making the book as topical as it is significant

## **Charity and Mutual Aid in Europe and North America since 1800**

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