

**ISECS International Seminar for junior scholars:
Queen's University Belfast 16-20 August 2010**

The International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (**ISECS**) invites applications from scholars in all fields of eighteenth-century studies to an interdisciplinary seminar in 2010. It will be hosted by Queen's University's Centre for Eighteenth-Century Studies (**CECS**) with the support of the University's Research and Regional Services Office. **CECS** is an interdisciplinary Centre dedicated to fostering research and academic exchange across the Arts and Social Sciences (see www.qub.ac.uk/schools/CentreforEighteenthCenturyStudies/). The event will be organised by Professor Simon Davies and other members of **CECS**.

The theme proposed is **Cultural intermediaries**.

The theme will be interpreted as widely as possible but could include scholarly investigations of travellers, adventurers, diplomats, slave narratives, reports of colonial administrators as well as books, translations/adaptations, newspapers, periodicals, scientific reports, correspondences. Needless to say, other topics which can be shown to be relevant will be very welcome.

Accommodation, subsistence, travel

Accommodation and meals will be provided by **CECS**. Participants will be requested to pay for their own travel arrangements although some limited funds will be available from **ISECS** for those unable to obtain any financial support.

Submission of Proposals

The seminar will be limited to **12-15 participants**. The proposals (approx. 2 pages, single-spaced) should be based on an original research project (eg. a doctoral thesis or equivalent) that deals with one of the aspects mentioned above. Because this is a seminar rather than a conference, each participant will be given **one hour** to present a paper which will then form the basis of a group discussion.

Preference will be given to scholars at the beginning of their academic careers (doctorate or equivalent for less than six years). The official languages of the seminar are English and French.

Applications should include the following information:

- a brief *curriculum vitae* with the date of the doctorate or equivalent
- a list of principal publications and scholarly presentations
- a brief description of the proposed paper (approx. 2 pages, single-spaced)
- a letter of recommendation from a senior scholar (emailed separately)
- membership of which national society/ies

The deadline for the receipt of applications is **30 September 2009**. Applications should be emailed to the following address: S.Davies@qub.ac.uk. Applications will be examined by an **ISECS** sub-committee. It is hoped that applicants will be informed of its decision by 11 December 2009.

Proceedings

It is hoped that the proceedings will be published by Honoré Champion (Paris) in the 'Lumières internationales' series, subject to acceptance by an appropriate refereeing process.