Mapping the Historical Geographies of Higher Education in Greater Manchester

Wednesday 9th November 2016

Held at the Manchester Meeting Place, North Campus, University of Manchester

A one-day symposium on the histories and varied development of the universities and institutions of higher education across the Manchester and Salford region.

The speakers examine the historical development of higher and further education, its geographical expansion, architectural expression and wider socio-economic relations to the city and region, in the past and up to the present.

The focus is on the interactions between place, planning and architectural design to create effective environments for teaching and academic research; understanding how the social and spatial structure of these major institutions of learning changed over different periods driven in part by local needs and initiatives as well as national policies around higher education.

The symposium is interdisciplinary with speakers from history, geography, town planning, architecture, history of science, art history, and allied disciplines. Papers look at different time periods, theoretical positions and empirics of particular institutional histories.

The symposium is free to attend and lunch will be provided. Please register to attend at:

https://historicalgeographiesofhighereducation.eventbrite.co.uk

Co-organisers: Martin Dodge (Geography, University of Manchester), James Hopkins (University of Manchester Historian and Heritage Manager), Richard Brook (Manchester School of Architecture).
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Programme

9.30–10.00: Arrival: coffee and tea
10.00–10.10: Welcome; housekeeping: Martin Dodge

SESSION 1: INSTITUTIONAL HISTORIES
   Dr. Julian Holder (School of the Built Environment, University of Salford)
10.30–10.50: Building for the Future at the University of Manchester: Disciplinary Development and Structural Adaptation.
   Dr. James Hopkins (University Historian and Heritage Manager, University of Manchester)
   Matthew Steele (Manchester Modernists; Art History, The Open University)
11.10–11.30: Discussion
11.30–11.50: TEA

SESSION 2: STUDENT EXPERIENCE
11.50–12.10: Regional Identity and Residential Planning: The University of Manchester and Student Accommodation, c.1950–1970.
   Dr. Keith Vernon (School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Central Lancashire)
12.10–12.30: Facilitating the ‘Silk Road of Knowledge’: Southern Voices and the Manchester Universities Experience.
   Dr. Alison Newby (Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre, University of Manchester)
   Dr. Jane Webb (Manchester School of Art, Manchester Metropolitan University)
12.50–1.10: Discussion
1.10–2.10: LUNCH

SESSION 3: BUILDINGS AND LEARNING
2.10–2.30: ‘Once There Were Green Fields’: The UMIST Campus Development as a Case study for Civil Engineering Teaching.
   Tom Swailes (School of Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering, University of Manchester)
2.30–2.50: Using Campus Buildings to Communicate Institutional History.
   Dr. James Sumner (Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of Manchester)
2.50–3.10: The University of Manchester Library: Expansion and Contraction.
   Mike Kelly (University of Manchester Library)
3.10–3.30: Discussion
3.30–3.50: TEA

SESSION 4: PAST AND FUTURE
3.50–4.10: The Waterhouse Owens College Buildings as Historical Assets.
   F Duncan Sanderson (Lloyd Evans Prichard Ltd)
4.10–4.30: Grand Plans: Campus, Precinct and Parkland.
   Richard Brook (Manchester School of Architecture)
4.30–5.00: Discussion
5.00: CLOSE