



## 'The Tudors and Early Stuarts' Study Day

Saturday 23 November, 10.00-16.00, Building 65 Avenue Campus

**10.00-10.10 Coffee**

**10.10-10.15 Welcome**

**10.15–11.00 Prof George Bernard: The Life and Reputation of Anne Boleyn**

Drawing on extensive research and his highly significant book *Anne Boleyn: Fatal Attractions* (2011), Professor Bernard will present his compelling analysis of Henry VIII's second queen in terms of her significance, her reputation and the question of her guilt.

**11.00–11.45 Prof Maria Hayward: New Year's Gifts at the Court of Elizabeth I**

This talk will explore the significance of gifts given and received on New Year's Day during the reign of Elizabeth I. It will consider the range of gifts given to the queen, including clothing, jewellery, food and books, and what can be gleaned about who made the gifts, how they were selected and why they were important.

**11.45–12.00 Coffee**

**12.00–12.45 Prof Mark Stoye: The Black Legend of Prince Rupert's Dog: Witchcraft and Propaganda during the English Civil War**

This talk explores the fantastical stories which circulated around the Royalist commander Prince Rupert of the Rhine and his dog, 'Boy', during the English Civil War of 1642-46; stories which claimed that the Prince was bullet-proof and that his pet was a witch in canine form. Who was responsible for circulating these bizarre tales, and what was their wider significance?

**12.45–13.45 Lunch**

**13.45–14.30 Dr Jennie Cobley: 'Quit yourselves like men': Gender, Politics and Print during the English Civil War**

Drawing on the wealth of printed literature that has survived from the civil-war period, this talk will examine the ways in which manhood was moulded during the conflict; the methods that were used to undermine the manliness and potency of the opposition; and the deeper political significance of these accusations.

**14.30–14.45 Tea/coffee**

**14.45–15.30 Dr Julie Gammon: Attitudes to Early Modern Gypsies**

This session will draw on original research to look at English perceptions of the arrival of communities of travelling gypsies in the early modern period. It will investigate the roots of modern stereotypes about gypsy-travellers that continue through to the modern day by exploring Tudor and Stuart legislation and cultural representations.

**15.30–16.00 Questions**