

Professor Samuel K Cohn's research interests

Over the past seventeen years I have specialized in the history of popular unrest in late medieval and early modern Europe and in the history of disease and medicine. My current project on the emotional histories of epidemics and pandemics from Antiquity to Ebola brings these two interests together. I am now beginning the third year of a three-year 'Major Research Fellowship' from the Leverhulme Trust to complete my project 'Epidemics: hate and compassion from the Plague of Athens to AIDS'. In addition, I have recently collaborated with medical anthropologists on comparative projects on cholera, plague and Ebola, and with geneticists on the Black Death and syphilis and gonorrhoea in eighteenth-century Scotland.

I am currently an Honorary Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH) at the University of Edinburgh, an Honorary Fellow of the School of History, Classics, and Archaeology at the University of Edinburgh, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Recent and Current projects

I was funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Board and other smaller grants to complete two books:

- *Popular protest in late medieval Europe: Italy, France, and Flanders Medieval Sources Series*. Manchester University Press (October, 2004), xxiv+389 pp. ISBN 0 7190 6730 8 hardback; 0 7190 6731 6 paperback and
- *Lust for Liberty: The politics of Social Revolt in Medieval Europe, 1200-1425* (Cambridge, Ma., Harvard University Press, 2006). ISBN 0-674-02162-2; x+376 pp. Paperback edition (2008) 978-0-674-03038-1

I have been funded by the Wellcome for three projects from 1998 to 2013, which resulted in the publication of two monographs and numerous articles:

- *The Black Death Transformed: Disease and Culture in Early Renaissance Europe* (London: Edward Arnold, May, 2002 in the UK and Oxford University Press, in the US), xii+318 pp. ISBN 0 340 70646 5 (Hb); ISBN 0 349 70647 3 (Pb) and
- *Cultures of Plague: Medical Thinking at the End of the Renaissance* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010). ISBN 978-0-19-957402-5; xiv+342 pp. Paperback edition (2010) 978-0-19-960509-5
- with Guido Alfani, 'Households and Plague in Early Modern Italy' *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, xxxviii:2 (Autumn, 2007): 177-205.
- 'The Black Death and the burning of Jews', *Past & Present*, no. 196 (August, 2007): 3-36.
- 'Epidemiology of the Black Death and Successive Waves of Plague', *Medical History Supplement no. 27: Pestilential Complexities: Understanding the Medieval Plague*, ed. Vivian Nutton (London, 2008), pp. 74-100.

- 'Pandemics: Waves of Disease, Waves of Hate from the Plague of Athens to A.I.D.S', *Historical Research*, 85, no. 230 (2012), 535-55.
- 'The Historian and the Laboratory: the Black Death Disease', in *Fifteenth Century: XII: Society in an Age of Plague*, ed. Carole Rawcliffe and Linda Clark, (Woodbridge: Boydell, 2013), pp. 1-18.
- 'Plague and Violence against Jews', *Early Modern Workshop: Jewish History Resources*, Volume 10: *Jews and Violence in the Early Modern Period*, an on-line publication open access (2013).
- 'Renaissance hate and disease in European perspective', in *Emotions, Passion and Power in Renaissance Italy*, ed. Fabrizio Ricciardelli and Andrea Zorzi (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2015).

I received a project grant from the ESRC which resulted in a monograph and several articles:

- *Popular Protest in Late Medieval English Towns* (Cambridge University Press, 2012) ISBN 9781107027800; xiv+376 pp.
- 'La peculiarità degli Inglesi e le rivolte del tardo medievale', in *Rivolte urbane e rivolte contadine nell'Europa del Trecento: un confronto*, ed. Giuliano Pinto and Monique Bourin (Florence, 2008), pp. 37-51.
- 'Revolts of the Late Middle Ages and the Peculiarities of the English' in *Survival and Discord in Medieval Society: Essays in Honour of Christopher Dyer*, ed. R. Goddard, J. Langdon, and Müller (Turnhout: Brepols, 2010), pp. 269-85.
- 'The "Modernity" of Medieval Popular Revolt', *History Compass* 10/10 (2012): 731-41.
- 'Paradoxes: Rich and Poor in Western Europe and the Political Consequences, ca. 1300-1600', in *Handling Poverty in Medieval Europe*, ed. Sharon Farmer (forthcoming 2015).
- 'Enigmas of communication: Jacques, Ciompi, and the English', in *La comunidad medieval como esfera pública espacio público*, ed. Hipólito Rafael Oliva Herrero, Vincent Challet, Jan Dumolyn, and María Antonia Carmona Ruiz (Seville: Universidad de Sevilla, 2014), pp. 227-47.
- 'Authority and Popular Resistance', in *The Oxford Handbook of early modern European History*, 2 vols, ed. Hamish Scott (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).