

My study period in Oxford in April-May 2019

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I spent one month in the University of Oxford as a Europaeum study bursary holder in April-May 2019. I had planned my stay beforehand by being in contact with a couple of scholars within the discipline of Economic and Social History in Oxford. Professor Deborah Oxley became my contact person and she was a wonderful academic support and mentor during my stay in Oxford. I got a chance to give a paper in the Economic and Social History Annual Graduate Workshop which was a great start for my stay. I got very useful feedback regarding my own PhD work and learnt a lot from other people's projects. In addition to that, I got to know nearly all the Economic and Social History graduate students through their works at once.

The following weeks of my stay were full of interesting seminars, meetings and individual working in the Bodleian Libraries. I participated regularly in Economic and Social history weekly seminars which included in-depth discussions on the applied methods and research strategies as well as reflections on broader academic and societal contributions. I got a chance to be a visitor in Nuffield, All Souls and St. Hilda's Colleges through various events. After and between the official meetings, discussions often continued in less formal and spontaneous graduate student gatherings. That was also very inspiring!

Overall, the study period in Oxford was a fruitful experience which brought me new contacts and scholarly networks and broadened my view on various ways to conduct academic historical research. More concretely, seminar meetings and one-to-one feedback sessions spawned me new research literature and a more focused methodological approach in my own PhD study. I wish I had a chance to come back to Oxford someday during my future projects.