

Call for Abstracts

History of Building Construction

Eighth Annual CHS Annual Conference in collaboration with the Cambridge Faculty of Architecture

Queens' College, Cambridge, 27-29 August April 2021

As in previous years the 2021 Annual Conference will be held in Queens' College, Cambridge and at this stage the committee invite abstracts on any aspect of construction history. The first day will be devoted to Professionalism and the Building Trades (see separate call). General papers will be limited to day 2 (Saturday). Possible subjects for this general call include:

Construction in the Ancient World	Roof structure and coverings
Roman Construction	Foundations
Building in the Middle Ages	History of Building services
Bridges	Fixings and joints
Arches, Vaults and Domes	Curtain walling and cladding
Stone construction	Glass and structural glazing
Steel construction	Plasters, Cements and mortars
Concrete construction	Railways and canals
Building Accounts and Contracts	Lightweight structures
Writing on Building Construction	Scaffolding, cranes and temporary works
Transmission of building technology	Prefabrication
Bricks and brick Construction	Long span structures
Terracotta and tiles	Development of structural theory
Guilds, labour relations and trade unions	

Papers will not be accepted that do not address the history of construction but are simply descriptions of conservation projects or techniques. Nor will a paper be accepted that consists of modern structural calculations proving that a historic structure can stand up (which is self-evident). Papers on the development of structural calculations are, by contrast, perfectly acceptable.

Abstract submission

Abstracts should be 300-500 words long and should include the full names, academic affiliation or employer, a description of the subject proposed, the sources to be used, and where it fits within or how it relates to the current literature on the topic, together with address and email contact details. Submissions should be made to chs@aha.cam.ac.uk. The revised submission date for the abstracts is **15 February 2021**.

Process and Paper Submission

The abstracts will be peer-reviewed and the authors informed of the results by **1 March 2021**. The final paper must be submitted by **2 April 2021**. Final papers will be 5000 words/30,000 characters and can include up to 10 images. The editors reserve the right to reject papers that do not meet the necessary standards at this stage.

Publication

Successful papers must be submitted by **2 April 2021** and will be prepared for publication and printed in July. The proceedings are published as an edited book with an ISBN number.

All final accepted papers must be presented at the conference by at least one of the authors

Papers will only be accepted by those who are prepared to record or deliver their papers in person. Authors will be expected to order at least one copy of the proceedings online.

The conference runs from **27-29 August 2021** in Queens' College, Cambridge. If COVID-19 conditions still persist the conference will be held online on those dates. **Please do not submit an abstract if you are unable to answer questions.**