

Legal Literature in Sixteenth Century Scotland

It happens that several legal historians are working at the moment on books about Scots law written during the sixteenth century. A relatively informal symposium is being arranged to enable these scholars to discuss their work with each other, and anyone else with an interest in the subject would be more than welcome to attend and participate in the discussion. The programme will be roughly as follows.

Thursday 2 June 2016

Lunch (1.30-2.30)

John Sinclair – Athol Murray (2.30-3.30)

Alexander Colville – Gero Dolezalek (3.30-4.30)

Tea (4.30-5.00)

Richard Maitland – Adelyn Wilson (5.00-6.00)

Dinner (7.00-9.00)

Friday 3 June 2016

David Chalmers – Julian Goodare (9.00-10.00)

James Balfour – Andrew Simpson (10.00-11.00)

Coffee (11.00-11.30)

Alexander King – John Ford (11.30-12.30)

Thomas Craig – Leslie Dodd (12.30-1.30)

Lunch (1.30-2.30)

The arrangement is broadly chronological, but it will have been noticed that the three writers to be discussed on the Thursday afternoon all produced case reports, that the two with whom the first session on the Friday morning will be concerned digested materials, and that the two considered later that morning wrote treatises. Speakers may say something about the writers or their books, or about the setting in which they wrote.

To facilitate catering arrangements (lunch, tea and coffee), it would be helpful if anyone who plans to attend would let the organisers know by 20 May 2016 (j.ford@abdn.ac.uk). Anyone who would like to join the speakers for dinner on the Thursday evening – sadly, at their own expense – should also make this clear, and mention any dietary requirements in doing so.

The symposium will take place at the Humanity Manse, 19 College Bounds, Old Aberdeen AB24 3UB. The facilities are being generously provided by the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies, and the meeting is otherwise being financed by the Law School of the University of Aberdeen.