Workshop 1: Civic Science: Oliver Lodge, Physics, and the Modern University

University of Birmingham, Saturday 9 November 2013

- Call for Papers -

The physicist Oliver Lodge spent most of his scientific career at the newly founded University College Liverpool before joining the University of Birmingham as its first Principal in 1900, retiring in 1919. This workshop, the first in a series of four organized by James Mussell and Graeme Gooday’s AHRC Research Network ‘Making Waves, Oliver Lodge and the Cultures of Science, 1875-1940’, will investigate both the place of science within the university and the place of the university in the city. Hosted by the Centre for the Study of Cultural Modernity at the University of Birmingham, we invite papers that consider Lodge’s legacy for the University and Birmingham, as well as those that consider the place of science in the civic university at the end of the nineteenth century and the first decades of the twentieth.

Proposals are invited for papers of 40 minutes that explore any of the following themes:

- Oliver Lodge’s career at the University of Birmingham
- The creation of the civic university
- The place of science in the civic university
- The relationship between pure and applied science within the university
- Oliver Lodge’s influence on the city of Birmingham
- University science education in the late 19th / early 20th century
- The creation of the University of Birmingham at Edgbaston
- Oliver Lodge’s complementary careers within and beyond the university
- Science communication and popular science in the late 19th / early 20th century
- Oliver Lodge’s wife and family and their respective lives, careers, and legacies

Please send proposals (500 words) to <oliverlodgenetwork@gmail.com> by 13 September 2013

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