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A CONFERENCE  
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## THE WORKES OF IOHN TAYLOR THE WATER-POET.



to be held at  
*Caius Colledge in Cambridge*  
*September 14 and 15. 2017*

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University of Cambridge <http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/cmt>

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John Taylor (1578-1653) was one of the most inventive writers of his age. Styling himself 'The King's Majesty's Water-Poet', he was at once a Thames boatman, a dazzlingly prolific author, and a literary celebrity. He was a pioneer in numerous literary forms, including travel writing, nonsense verse, and the 'it-narrative', and was one of the first writers to explore the possibilities of subscription publishing. Taylor was a satirist, a polemicist and a purveyor of printed news who invented the role of the foreign correspondent in his reports back from European war-zones. His works were also crucial to the formation of the British canon and to an emergent sense of national identity.

This conference will be the first to focus exclusively on Taylor's vast and multifarious oeuvre. Bringing together a group of leading scholars, it will reconsider the significance of the Water-Poet to our understanding of seventeenth-century literature and culture, and his legacy in our own day.

The conference will run from 12 noon on 14 September to 2 pm on 15 September.

Speakers will include: Bernard Capp, Johann Gregory, Andrew Hadfield, Ariel Hessayon, Alice Hunt, Ros King, Andrew McRae, Will May, Anthony Ossa-Richardson, Kirsty Rolfe, Jason Scott-Warren, Abigail Shinn, Helen Smith, Adam Smyth.

The cost of attendance, including lunches, teas and coffees, is £60 (waged) and £45 (unwaged).

Accommodation can be arranged in Gonville and Caius College at a cost of £65.25+VAT (single ensuite) or £81+VAT (twin/double ensuite).

On the night of 14 September, there will be a conference dinner (price not included in booking fee) at a local Indian restaurant.

For further information, please contact the organisers, Anthony Ossa-Richardson ([anthonyossar@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyossar@gmail.com)) and Jason Scott-Warren ([jes1003@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jes1003@cam.ac.uk)).

