About *Adam Smith's Library*

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Research team

The core research team who developed this digital resource are:

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Havens, and Joe Nockels, 'A Wealth of Information: Understanding Adam Smith's Library', University of Edinburgh, 2021, project Report (c.500 words) and spreadsheet of data samples. These data samples were not used or incorporated into our project (the spreadsheet held samples without documentation or findings). Nonetheless, we were grateful to the team for their open sharing of these materials, which enabled us to be confident that we were not inadvertently repeating work.

Libraries, archives, repositories

We acknowledge and thank the libraries, archives, and repositories that have provided access to their collections, shared materials, given permissions and allowed space in reading rooms for photography, and given permissions for use of images. The catalogue of Smith's Library developed for this digital resource incorporates records for books that are, today, distributed across 6 countries and 24 different archival or library collections, as follows:

England

- King's College Library, Cambridge
- Lionel Robbin's private library (permissions and photographs pending)
- University of Reading Library
- University of London, Senate House Library (permissions and photographs pending)
- Sir Lancelot Errington of Appin (permissions and photographs pending)

Ireland

- Queen's University Belfast Library, Special Collections

Italy

- Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Torino (permissions and photographs pending)

Scotland

- University of Edinburgh Library, Heritage Collections
- University of Glasgow Library, Special Collections
- Kirkcaldy Museum / Fife Cultural Trust
- Mitchell Library, Glasgow
- National Library of Scotland, Special Collections

Japan

- Doshisha University Library
- Fukuyama University Library
- Kantogakuin University Library
- Keio University Library, Tokyo
- Kyoto University Library
- Osaka University Library
- Nihon University Library
- University of Tokyo, Faculty of Economics Library

USA

- Johns Hopkins University Library, Eisenhower Library, Special Collections, Baltimore
- Harvard Business School, Kress Collection
- New York Public Library, Ford Collection, New York

Symposium contributors: *Adam Smith' Library Today and in Future*, 12-13 June 2023, Templeton Foundation / University Glasgow

We thank those who were part of the symposium *Adam Smith's Library Today and in Future*, 12-13 June 2023, at the University of Glasgow, the purpose of which was:

- to be a fact-finding exercise to establish an up-to-date picture of current research into Adam Smith' Library and marginalia among leading experts
- to be a networking opportunity to connect a range of international scholars, archive and library professionals, digital developers, and book history experts, who have shared interests in this field
- to be an opportunity for members of the project research team (Craig Smith, Leo Steeds, Alison Wiggins) to present to peers their methods and approaches, to demonstrate materials to future and target users, to test out plans for the digital resource and receive feedback on these.

We thank and give credit to our international speakers at this event:

- Prof. Katherine Acheson, University of Waterloo, Canada
- Associate Prof. Michelle Schwarze, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- Prof. Tomoji Onozuka, Graduate School of Economics, University of Tokyo
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- The Adam Smith Collection This JSTOR collection of 62 items made up of c.6000 images from the University of Glasgow Archives & Special Collections and is a significant repository of documents related to Adam Smith https://www.jstor.org/site/university-of-glasgow/the-adam-smith-collection/?so=item_title_str_asc&searchkey=1712941569151
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- *Adam Smith: The Kirkcaldy Papers* February 2024, free download https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/adamsmith300/explorelearn/today/headline_1052932_en.html