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CHARITY AND WELFARE

For the two years 1984–85 and 1985–86 the subject of the Seminar of the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies at Princeton University will be *Charity and Welfare*. The Seminar will focus on the following problems:

1. *Intellectual History*. A comparative study of changing ideas about the scale and function of charity over time and space, ranging from medieval theology about charity to the ideals behind the full 20th century Welfare State, and finally to the current reaction against it, and arguments for and against the redistribution of wealth between Western and Third World nations. Included will be assessments of the relative roles of benevolence and social control as motives among the donors.

2. *Social History*. Examination of how responsibility for the poor, the sick and the unemployed has shifted over time between the family, the parish, the locality and the state. This will include attitudes and actions of the recipients of aid, as well as a study of their changing empirical condition and numbers.

3. *Political and Institutional History*. An examination of the changing relationship of the state to problems of poverty and other forms of dependency; the creation and working of private and public charitable institutions of every kind; and the causes and consequences of the recent creation by the state of a large bureaucracy of the "helping professions".

4. *Economic History*. An examination of the quantity of a society's resources which have been devoted to various forms of internal welfare and international aid, and of the ways these resources have been deployed.

It is hoped that the topic will attract scholars from many disciplines as well as history.

The Center will offer a limited number of Research Fellowships for one or two semesters, running from September to January and from February to June, designed for highly recommended younger scholars, as well as for senior scholars with established reputations. Candidates must have finished their dissertations and must have a full-time paid position to which they can return. Fellows are expected to live in Princeton in order to take an active part in the intellectual interchange with other members of the Seminar. Funds are very limited, and candidates are, therefore, strongly urged to apply to other grant-giving institutions as well as the Center.

Inquiries and requests for Fellowship Application Forms should be addressed to the Secretary, Davis Center for Historical Studies, 129 Dickinson Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J. 08544, U.S.A. The deadline for fellowship applications and letters of recommendation for 1984-85 is December 1, 1983; and for 1985-86 is December 1, 1984. Scholars who are not applicants for Fellowships but would like to visit Princeton to offer a paper to the Seminar are asked to write to the Director.

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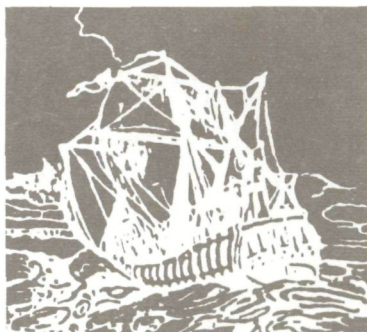
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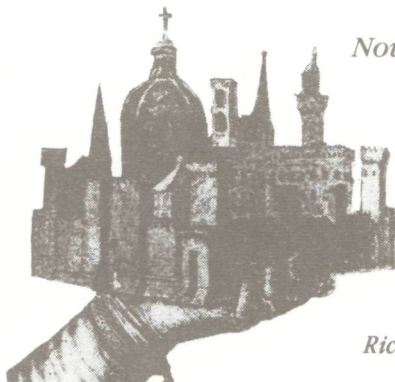
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