



## **Family networks in Burrell & Son's shipping business**

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Burrell & Son became one of the UK's leading tramp shipping companies. Its success lay in using family members within the firm to specialise in different aspects of the business and expanding its commercial network through marriage. A ruthless attitude to competence saw several family members ejected for failing in the eyes of their kin. Ultimately the business folded due to the lack of a suitable family heir.

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The lecture will be followed by the launch of W.W.J. Knox & A. McKinlay's new book *Jimmy Reid. A Clyde-built man*