

Annual Conference of the Research Group for Late Medieval Economic History



Unequal Opportunities

Framework Conditions and Economic Change in the Middle Ages

University of Innsbruck, 5–6 September 2024

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Thursday, 5 September 2024

Get-Together

Meeting Point: Tiroler Landesarchiv, Michael-Gaismair-Straße 1

10:00–11:00: Guided tour in the TLA (Tyrolean Provincial Archive) with a focus on collections on the medieval economic history of Tyrol, followed by the opportunity to have lunch together

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Meeting Point: University of Innsbruck, Ágnes-Heller-Haus, Innrain 52a, Seminarraum 1

13:00–13:15: Stephan Nicolussi-Köhler (Innsbruck) and Lienhard Thaler (Vienna)
Welcome and Introductory Remarks

13:15–14:15: John Weisweiler (Munich)
Keynote 1: Inequality and the Fall of the Roman Empire

14:15–14:45: *Coffee break*

Panel 1: Unequal Chances of Political Participation and Economic Opportunities

Chair: Andreas Exenberger (Innsbruck)

14:45–15:30: Francesco Azzoni (Milan)
Inequality in the Early Middle Ages. Distribution of Wealth and Societal Changes in Lombard Northern Italy

15:30–16:15: Adelheid Krah (Vienna)
From Unequal Opportunities to a Better World. Soil Culture, Protection Money and Women's Work in the Official Book of the 'Censuales' from the Diocese of Freising (10th–14th century) or: More than a Special Case

16:15–17:00: Alex Spike Gibbs (Mannheim)
A Medieval 'Middling Sort'? Wealth, Authority and Inequality in East Anglian Villages, c. 1350–c. 1550

19:00: Conference Dinner

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Friday, 6 September 2024

08:30–09:30: Guido Alfani (Milan)

Keynote 2: Economic Inequality and Social Mobility in Preindustrial Europe: An Overview

09:30–10:00: *Coffee break*

Panel 2: Unequal Distribution of Resources

Chair: Annette Kehnel (Mannheim)

10:00–10:45: Grigori Simeonov (Vienna)

Pastoralism in the Medieval Balkans: 'Unequal Opportunity' or 'Subsistence Strategy'?

10:45–11:30: Leonhard Engelmaier (Florence)

The Impact of Plague on Land Tenancy in St. Pölten and its Hinterland. 1324 and 1367

11:30–12:15: Sebastian Weil (Kassel)

Unequal Partners – Equal Dues. The Late Medieval Estate Surveys of Lordship Heideck

12:15–13:30: *Lunch at UNI LOUNGE, Campus Innrain*

Panel 3: Unequal Levies and Burdens

Chair: Tanja Skambraks (Graz) & Julia Bruch (Cologne)

13:30–14:15: Victoria Gierok (Oxford)

Taxation and Urban Revolts in Pre-Industrial Germany

14:15–15:00: Marco Conti (Bologna/Bordeaux)

Investing in the Res Publica. Bologna XIII–XIV c.

15:00–15:30: *Coffee break*

15:30–16:15: Tobias Fischer (Munich)

Introducing Inequality. The Emergence of Individual Imperial Taxation of Jews in the Holy Roman Empire

16:15–17:00: Naomi Beutler (Paris/Barcelona)

The Reproduction of Economic Power. An Illustration based on the Example of the Late Medieval Pound Duty Exemption

17:00–17:30: General Discussion