

Unequal Opportunities

Framework Conditions and Economic Change in the Middle Ages

University of Innsbruck, 5–6 September 2024

Thursday, 5 September 2024

Get-Together (Meeting Point: Tiroler Landesarchiv, TLA)

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

Annual Conference (Meeting Point: University of Innsbruck)

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

Panel 1: Unequal Chances of Political Participation and Economic Opportunities

Chair: Stephan Nicolussi-Köhler (Innsbruck)

14:15–15:00: Francesco Azzoni (Milan)
Inequality in the Early Middle Ages. Distribution of Wealth and Societal Changes in Lombard Northern Italy

15:00–15:45: 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

15:45–16:30: Alex Spike Gibbs (Mannheim)
A Medieval 'Middling Sort'? Wealth, Authority and Inequality in East Anglian Villages, c. 1350–c. 1550

19:00: Conference Dinner

Annual Conference of the Research Group for Late Medieval Economic History



Friday, 6 September 2024

08:30–09:30: Guido Alfani (Milan)

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

Panel 2: Unequal Distribution of Resources

Chair: Annette Kehnel (Mannheim)

09:30–10:15: Grigori Simeonov (Vienna)

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

10:15–11:00: Leonhard Engelmaier (Florence)

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

11:00–11:45: Sebastian Weil (Kassel)

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

11:45–13:00: Lunch

Panel 3: Unequal Levies and Burdens

Chair: Lienhard Thaler (Vienna)

13:00–13:45: Victoria Gierok (Oxford)

Taxation and Urban Revolts in pre-industrial Germany

13:45–14:30: Marco Conti (Bologna/Bordeaux)

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

14:30–15:00: Coffee break

15:00–15:45: Tobias Fischer (Munich)

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

15:45–16:30: Naomi Beutler (Paris/Barcelona)

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

16:30–17:00: General Discussion