

## Program – international conference



### Martial Culture in European Towns (1350-1650)

University of Bern, History Institute, 11-13 November 2021

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#### Thursday, November 11

- 14:00 Registration and visit to the Bern History Museum
- 17:15 **The Town, the Military, and the State** (Marc Boone, Ghent University).  
Also as part of the conference cycle of the Berner Mittelalter Zentrum  
University Main Building, Room 220, or via Zoom: E-Mail for link:  
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#### Friday, November 12 (Uni Tobler F-121)

- 8:30 Coffee and croissants
- 9:00 **Introduction** (Regula Schmid and Daniel Jaquet, University of Bern).
- 9:10 **Martial Culture in Medieval Towns – National Historiographies in Comparison** (Regula Schmid, University of Bern).

#### I. MILITARY ORGANIZATION: THE TOWN AS HUB OF TRANSREGIONAL MARTIAL CULTURE

- 9:30 **Fighting for the City: Military Duties in Fribourg from the Citizens' Perspective** (Mathijs Roelofsen, University of Bern).
- 10:00 **Vienna's Military Organization and Forces** (Andreas Moitzi, University of Vienna).
- 10:30 Coffee break

#### II. MARTIAL EXPERTS: PRODUCTION AND CIRCULATION OF MARTIAL KNOWLEDGE

- 11:00 **Pricing the Expertise and Martial Skills. A Comparative Investigation of Martial Experts' Earnings in Swiss Towns** (Daniel Jaquet, University of Bern).
- 11:30 **The Martial Self of Paul Hector Mair: Burgher Self Fashioning and Martial Arts Literature in the 16th Century** (Eric Burkart, University of Trier).
- 12:00 **By the Cross of This Sword: The Masters of Defence in Sixteenth-Century London** (Jacob Deacon, Leeds University).
- 12:30 Lunch

### III. MARTIAL URBAN SPACE: DEFENDING AND GUARDING THE WALLS

- 14:00 **Walking the Streets and Gathering in Squares. Communal Guarding and Defending in Late Medieval Basel** (Elena Magli, University of Bern).
- 14:30 **The Town Fortification between Necessity and Self-Representation. The Example of the Swiss Town of Bern** (Armand Baeriswyl, Archaeological Service of the Canton Bern).
- 15:00 **Urban Spaces and Places in Conflict. A Case Study on Northern German Cities and Towns** (Karsten Igel, University of Münster).
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 17:00 Martial Bern: Guided tour to the Old Town of Bern (Guide: Armand Baeriswyl).
- 18:30 Dinner for Invited Guests

### Saturday, November 13 (Uni Tobler, F-121)

- 8:30 Coffee and Croissants

### IV. WEAPONS: PRODUCTION, TRADE, AND EXCHANGE

- 9:00 **Tools of a Deadly Trade: The Dissemination and Typology of Certain Staff Weapon Forms in Europe** (Iason Tzouriadis, independent scholar).
- 9:30 **The Gunmakers of Gardone Valtrompia and the Venetian State** (Catherine Fletcher, Manchester University)
- 10:00 **Bearing a Blade: The Transfer of Authority through Gifts of Swords in the High and Late Middle Ages** (Robert W. Jones, Franklin and Marshall College).
- 10:30 Coffee break

### V. BURGHERS AND FIGHTERS: SOCIAL MOBILITY AND URBAN MARTIAL CULTURE

- 11:00 **Becoming Civil Again? The Precarious Lives of Former Fighters in Medieval Towns** (Stefanie Rütter, University of Münster).
- 11:30 **Roman Knights of Cologne. The Martial Habit of a Late Medieval Urban Elite** (Markus Jansen, University of Köln).
- 12:00 **The Crossbow or the Gun: the Weapon as a Sign of Social Hierarchy and Urban Integration** (Jean-Dominique delle Luche, independent scholar).
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:00 Coffee and Collaborative Discussion
- 13:45 Conclusion and Good-bye