Program – international conference

Martial Culture in European Towns (1350-1650)
University of Bern, History Institute, 11-13 November 2021

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 Rüther, 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