

Global Approaches to Habsburg History: Perspectives, Potentials, Payoffs, and Pathways

2-3 June 2022

Innsbruck

THURSDAY (2/6/22) – Claudiasaal (Herzog-Friedrich-Straße 3)

9:30 Opening Remarks

Ulrika Tanzer, Vice Rector for Research

Dirk Rupnow, Dean of the Philosophical-Historical Faculty

Jonathan Singerton, Host and Organiser

10:00 Keynote 1

Traffic: Cocaine Smuggling, Imperial Prestige and Global Politics at the End of the Habsburg Era – Alison Frank Johnson (Harvard)

Comment: Pieter Judson (Florence)

11:15 BREAK

11:45 Panel 1 – Global Economies

Chair: Ellinor Forster

1. Natives and Newcomers: Political Economy and the challenge of the global in Habsburg Europe, 1680-1740 – William O'Reilly (Cambridge)
2. Habsburg Political Economy and Globalisation: Mercantilist Discourses and the Framing of Global Commerce during the Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth Centuries – Klemens Kaps (Linz)
3. Statistics as an Agent of Globalization: The Case of Habsburg Statisticians – Mátyás Erdélyi (Prague)

13:15 LUNCH

14:30 Panel 2 – Habsburg Orientalism

Chair: Gunda Barth-Scalmani

4. Austro-Hungarian Consuls: Global Actors of Diplomacy and Empire – Sven Mörsdorf (Florence)

5. The Orient as porta Habsburgica mundi: Travellers, Missionaries, and Experts Go East in the Age of Transformation – Barbara Haider-Wilson (Vienna)
6. Orientalism from an Alpine View: The German-Austrian Alpine Club and its Turkestan Expedition 1913 – Kurt Scharr (Innsbruck)

16:00 BREAK

16:30 Panel 3 – Habsburg Hispanic and Lusophone Worlds

Chair: Mona Garloff

7. The Viennese Court as the Mediator amidst the Portuguese Crisis? Austrian Diplomacy during Vilafrancada and Abrilada Revolts (1822-1825) – Oliver Zajac (Bratislava/Warsaw)
8. Kaiser Max in Mexiko: A Habsburg Perspective – Axel Körner (Leipzig)

FRIDAY (3/6/22) – Claudiasaal (Herzog-Friedrich-Straße 3)

9:00 Keynote 2

An epistemological view on the Austrian Empire's role in European colonialism – Walter Sauer (Vienna)

Comment: Eric Burton (Innsbruck)

10:15 BREAK

10:45 Panel 4 – Transimperial Encounters

Chair: Axel Körner

9. A Devilish Plan by the Jesuits, Anti-Jesuit Intrigue, or a Habsburg Plan for Global Expansion? The Case of Joseph Göbel and the Memorandum on the Austrian Colonisation of Northern Mexico – Markéta Křížová (Prague)
10. The House of Habsburg and Japanese Representations ca. 1740: Aspects of the Prince's Mirror from Jesuit Theatre – Haruka Oba (Kurume)
11. From Bogotá to Žilina: Amalgamation and the Remaking of the Habsburg Lands – Jonathan Singerton (Innsbruck)
12. The Habsburg Lands and the Dutch East India Company – Olga Witmer (Cambridge)

12:45 LUNCH

13:45 Panel 5 – Global Gateways

Chair: Stefan Ehrenpreis

13. Ostend: Developing a Habsburg Window upon the World – Michael-W. Serruys (Brussels)
14. The Austrian Colonial and Slave Trader: Friedrich von Romberg (1729-1819) and his Business Empire in the Austrian Netherlands – Magnus Ressel (Frankfurt/Greifswald)
15. Enterprising Merchants in the Global Atlantic: The Austrian Netherlands Trade with Western and Central Africa 1776-1786 – Stan Pannier (Brussels)

15:15 BREAK

15:45 Panel 6 – Material Interjections

Chair: Jonathan Singerton

16. Mapping Early Modern Gift-Giving Networks: A Quantitative Study of Habsburg Exchanges of Non-European Goods – Joanna Ciemińska (Lisbon)
17. Folklore from Near and Far: Museums and Colonial Ethnography in the Austro-Hungarian Empire – Corinne Geering (Leipzig)
18. Inserting the Habsburg Past into Global History: Notes towards a Mutual Reconfiguration of both Fields – Franz Fillafer (Vienna)

17:15 Concluding Remarks

SATURDAY (4/6/22) – Departure at Hotel Engl (Innstraße 22)

09:30-11:30 Excursion to Schloss Ambras for ‘eine Weltreise’ guided tour