



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

Universität Innsbruck, 2-3 June 2022

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Programme

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

9:30 Opening Remarks
Ulrike 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 in 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. The Habsburg Lands and the Dutch East India Company – Olga Witmer (Cambridge)
12. Terra Australis or Terra Austriae? Austria-Hungary in the South Seas – Jonathan Singerton (Innsbruck)

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 Ciemieńska (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 Discussion

SATURDAY (4/6/22)

Departure from Hotel Engl (Innstraße 22)

09:30- Excursion to Schloss Ambras for 'eine
11:30 Weltreise' guided tour (voluntary)