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Conference Venue:

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Registration:

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A participation fee (for the conference materials, the hospitality and the excursion to Güstrow and Bad Doberan) of 15 € is charged. Please transfer your participation fee to the bank account given in the registration form within 10 days after registration. Application deadline is July 3, 2010. Students pay a reduced fee of 5 €.

The conference language is English.

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Since the early 1980s, studies of numerous aspects concerning rulers, their courts and residences, have become an integral part of Medieval research. This renewed interest has been particularly stimulated by the Residenzen-Projekt based at the Akademie der Wissenschaften in Göttingen (of which the organizer of the present conference is a member), which is due to expire next year. Conferences organized by this institution had, quite naturally, a particular focus on the Reich, while its European neighbours have also, though rather less frequently, received some attention. Only a single conference, however, entitled 'Das Gehäuse der Macht. Der Raum der Herrschaft im interkulturellen Vergleich. Antike, Mittelalter, Frühe Neuzeit' as part of the German Historikertag held in Kiel in 2004, has applied a specific intercultural and comparative approach.

The upcoming conference, for its part, is not only concerned with a comparative approach to European court culture, but aims at a more global perspective. Thus, it continues the work of the Court Culture Group, which was very recently founded almost exclusively by American scholars, but which can since claim a worldwide membership. A volume of conference proceedings ('Rhetoric and the Discourses of Power in Court Culture: China, Europe and Japan') has been published in 2005 as part of this work and a second conference was organized in Coburg in 2006, entitled 'Courts as Symbolic Systems and Forms of Communication'.

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Death at Court

International Conference
July 12 - 14, 2010

Monday, July 12, 2010

9.00 am

Welcome Addresses

Bärbel Friedrich (Greifswald)
Academic Director of the Alfried Krupp
Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald
Michael North (Greifswald)
Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and
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Conference Chair's Address

Karl-Heinz Spieß (Greifswald)

Death at Court in Western Europe

Chair: Karl-Heinz Spieß (Greifswald)

9.15 am – 9.30 am

Introduction

Karl-Heinz Spieß (Greifswald)

9.30 am – 10.15 am

Death and Apotheosis at the Burgundian Court

Gert Melville (Dresden)

10.15 am – 11.00 am

Theatre of Death. The Transfer of the Remnants of Philip the Good and Isabel of Portugal to Dijon in 1474

Werner Paravicini (Kiel)

11.00 am – 11.30 am

Coffee break

11.30 am – 12.15 pm

Deathbed Scenes in Medieval England

Scott L. Waugh (Los Angeles)

12.15 pm – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm – 2.45 pm

Burial Customs of the Nobility in Late Medieval Western Europe

Immo Warntjes (Greifswald)

2.45 pm – 3.30 pm

Alfarrobeira: the Death of the Tyrant?

Rita Costa Gomes (Towson)

3.30 pm – 3.45 pm

Coffee Break

3.45 pm – 4.30 pm

Between a Lineage and a Territory: Royal Death and Burial at the Portuguese Court

Herminia Maria de Vasconcelos Alves Vilar (Évora)

4.30 pm – 5.15 pm

The Cruel End of the Favourite – Clandestine Death and Public Retaliation at Late Medieval Courts in Europe

Klaus Oschema (Bern)

7.00 pm

Public lecture

Tod und Begräbnis der Karolinger (Carolingian Royal Death and Burial)

Patrick Geary (Los Angeles)

Reception

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Death at Court in Byzantium and Asia

Chair: Pauline Yu (New York)

9.00 am – 9.30 am

Introduction

Pauline Yu (New York)

9.30 am – 10.15 am

Death at the Byzantine Court. The Emperor and his Family

Claudia Rapp (Los Angeles)

10.15 am – 11.00 am

St. Ambrose's Eulogy of Theodosius the Great and the Ideology of the True Cross

Eugene Vance (Seattle)

11.00 am – 11.15 am

Coffee break

11.15 am – 12.00 pm

Invocations of the Dead in the Early Mughal World

Ruby Lal (Atlanta)

12.00 pm – 12.45 pm

Aristocratic Cultures and the Memorialization of Battle Death in South India, 700-1300 CE

Daud Ali (London)

12.45 pm – 2.15 pm

Lunch

2.15 pm – 3.00 pm

The Death of a Mughal Emperor: Chaos at Court or Business as Normal?

Stephan Conermann (Bonn)

3.00 pm – 3.45 pm

Threnodic Writings for Royal Women in Early Medieval China

Robert Joe Cutter (Tempe/Arizona)

3.45 pm – 4.00 pm

Coffee break

4.00 pm – 4.45 pm

'May the leaves and twigs of my descendants bloom forever'. Posthumous Deifications Among Political Rulers in Pre-modern Japan

Bernhard Scheid (Vienna)

4.45 pm

Conclusion

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

9.00 am – 6.00 pm

Excursion