

M18 **CIVIC IDENTITY IN LATE MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN EUROPEAN TOWNS**

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Period: Medieval/Early modern

Date: Saturday, 1 September 2012

Time: 09:00-12:30

Room: 104

Description

National citizenship has been studied widely from the perspective of democratization and politicization, with a focus on how citizenship has been defined and what factors contributed towards creating citizenship as an idea. To a lesser extent, attention has been directed towards civic identity as a local form of citizenship both pre-existing and co-existing with national citizenship. The session will look at how civic identity was shaped before and along side national citizenship. What kind of identification did people have with their hometown in late medieval and early modern Europe? What were the important factors in civic identity: What role did religion, social and political factors play? How was civic identity gendered? Did men and women have different kinds of civic identity? How did they 'take on' their civic identity, and how was it practiced? Was a special kind of civic identity special prone to developing into a national and political citizenship?

The session aims at a comparative perspective of different regions and states in Europe and paper proposals from all kinds of cities and towns are welcome. Participants are encouraged to discuss theoretical and methodological issues on how local studies could be understood in a wider context.

Scientific Programme

- 1565 CIVIC IDENTITY, SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND ACCUSATIONS OF WITCHCRAFT IN EARLY MODERN DENMARK**
Louise Nyholm Kallestrup (University Of Southern Denmark, Institute of History and Civilization, Odense, Denmark)
- 1344 BUILDING A CIVIC IDENTITY. HISTORICAL MEMORY AND IDENTITY MARKS IN CASTILIAN CITIES IN THE TRANSITION FROM MIDDLE AGES TO MODERN ERA**
Majo Tomé Beatriz (University of Valladolid, Ancient and Medieval History, Valladolid, Spain)
- 1011 LOOKING BEYOND THE CITY WALLS: CIVIC IDENTITY IN THE TEXTS OF LATER MEDIEVAL ENGLISH TOWNS**
Eliza Hartrich (Merton College, Oxford, Department of History, Oxford, U.K.)
- 848 CIVIC IDENTITY IN EARLY MODERN SOUTHERN ITALY. MONARCHY, FEUDAL POWER AND LOCAL ÉLITES IN THE URBAN RENEWAL (1469-1560) OF SESSA AURUNCA**
Fulvio Lenzo (University "Federico II", Naples, Dipartimento di discipline storiche "Ettore Lepore", Venezia, Italy)
- 843 MIDDLE-CLASS POVERTY AND CIVIC IDENTITY IN COPENHAGEN C. 1770-1850**
Peter Wessel Hansen (University of Copenhagen, The Saxo Institute, Copenhagen, Denmark)
- 707 MUNICIPALITY AND PERIPHERY. THE ARTICULATION OF DIFFERENT LOCAL IDENTITIES**
Lorena Álvarez Delgado (University of Cantabria, Modern and Contemporary History, Santander, Spain)
- 589 LATE MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN CIVIC IDENTITY IN DENMARK**
Bjørn Poulsen (Aarhus University, Department of History, Aarhus, Denmark)