

SUBJECT

The conference will inquire into the possibilities and the processes of political and social change in situations in which societies or parts of society perceive substantial threats – uprisings and revolts, disasters, accelerating phases in otherwise lengthy transformation processes or violent encounters between rival models of order, each claiming validity for society as a whole.

Drawing on examples spanning from Antiquity to the present, from several parts of the world and different fields of research (history, philology, political science, anthropology), the conference asks under what conditions and in what manner threats may lead to a reconfiguration of values, structures of authority, responsibilities and resources. Under which circumstances and in which way will an initially short-term reconfiguration of values, competencies and resources cause in wake of a perceived threat accelerate social change – or: under what conditions and in which manner will the old order be re-affirmed and restored, assuming that this is possible? Here we are thinking change in a broad sense. It may refer, for instance, to changes in basic social orders as well as to changes in sub-orders.

This will open up the possibility of correlating reciprocities between changes or continuities of order on a multiplicity of levels, and this will afford, in turn, a differentiated insight into the processes at work.



VENUE

German Historical Institute
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HOW TO GET THERE

Nearest Underground stations:
Holborn & Tottenham Court Road
Buses: 7 (stops outside the building), 19, 55,
98, 59, 91, 168

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Deadline Sep. 23

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DYNAMICS OF SOCIAL CHANGE AND PERCEPTIONS OF THREAT

29 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER 2014
GERMAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE LONDON

CRC 923 „Threatened Order – Societies under Stress“
German Historical Institute London

PROGRAM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH 2014

15.30 ANDREAS GESTRICH | GHI, London Welcome

15.40 EWALD FRIE | CRC 923, Tübingen Introduction

PANEL 1: URBAN UNREST, POWER AND THE INTERNAL DYNAMIC OF THREATENED ORDERS AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Chair: Steffen Patzold

16.15 THOMAS KOHL | CRC 923, Tübingen

Violence, Power, and Social Change: European cities c. 1050-1120

16.45 HANNAH SKODA | St. John's College, Oxford

Threats and violence: town-gown conflicts in later medieval Oxford, Paris and Heidelberg

17.15 DISCUSSION

17.45 COFFEE

18.15 BEATRICE VON LÜPKE | CRC 923, Tübingen

The Nuremberg Shrovetide Plays as a Reflection of Social (Dis-) Order

18.45 DISCUSSION

19.30 DINNER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH 2014

PANEL 2: FRAMING SITUATIONS OF SOCIAL CHANGE - BETWEEN THREAT AND PROMISE

Chair: Andreas Hasenclever

9.00 ARNE HORDT | CRC 923, Tübingen

'Framing' a Riot - Contested Meanings of Social Conflict in the Miners' Strike and Rheinhausen Protests

9.30 CAMILLA SCHOFIELD | University of East Anglia

Enoch Powell and the rhetoric of social disaster, 1968-1978

10.00 DISCUSSION

10.30 COFFEE

11.00 JAN SÄNDIG | CRC 923, Tübingen

Framing Protest and Insurgency: Boko Haram and MASSOB in Nigeria

11.30 HOLGER STRITZEL | St Andrews

The Travelling Concept of Organized Crime as a Threat to Political and Social Orders: A Tale of Multiple Translations

12.00 DISCUSSION

12.30 LUNCH

PANEL 3: MAKING SENSE OF THREAT - SYSTEMS OF BELIEF UNDER THREAT

Chair: Irmgard Männlein-Robert

14.30 PHILIPP STAHLHUT | CRC 923, Tübingen

Emperors, Holy Men, and Experiences of Threat: Construction of Meaning in the Life of Daniel Stylites and the Life of Peter the Iberian

15.00 PHILIP BOOTH | Trinity College, Oxford

Imperial Rhetoric and Its Discontents in the Crisis of the Eastern Roman Empire (6th-7thC)

15.30 DISCUSSION

16.00 COFFEE

16.30 MATTHIAS BECKER | CRC 923, Tübingen

New Enemies with Old Faces - The Christians as Sophists in Porphyry's Contra Christianos

17.00 KARLA POLLMANN | University of Kent

Augustine as a Global Thinker: Confronting the Threat of Pluralism and Change to Societal Order

17.30 Discussion

18.30 Conference Dinner

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 2014

PANEL 4: DISASTERS AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Chair: Reinhard Johler

9.00 SABINE SAUTER | CRC 923, Tübingen

Australian Dust Storms as a Trigger of Social Change

9.30 REBECCA JONES | ANU Canberra

Slow catastrophes: responding to drought in Australia

10.00 DISCUSSION

10.30 COFFEE

11.00 ANNA ANANIEVA | University of Tübingen

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11.30 ANTHONY OLIVER-SMITH | University of Florida

Hazards, Disasters, and the Threat of Change

12.00 DISCUSSION

12.30 LUNCH

PANEL 5: THE END OF THREAT: DIVERGING PERSPECTIVES ON SOCIAL CHANGE DURING THE "SATTTELZEIT"

Chair: Renate Dür

14.00 DENNIS SCHMIDT | CRC 923, Tübingen

„Daß alles beym Alten bleibet“ - Josephinism and Religious Orders in Inner Austria

14.30 JOACHIM WHALEY | Christ's College, Cambridge

Sattelzeit as Endzeit? The Trauma of Societal Stress, and Learning to Live With It in the Nineteenth Century

15.00 DISCUSSION

15.30 COFFEE

16.00 FERNANDO ESPOSITO | University of Tübingen

The Two Ends of History and Historical Temporality as a Threatened Order

16.30 DISCUSSION

16.45 MISCHA MEIER | CRC 923, Tübingen

CONCLUDING REMARKS