

Shaping the Officer.  
Communities and Practices of Accountability in Premodern Europe  
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Venue: German Historical Institute London

Interactions between subjects and rulers have been studied in a wide range of historiographical approaches. Among them, the question of officers' accountability has been of particular interest as a fundamental field for the analysis of rule, authority and state-building. While recent research has attributed to communities a more active role within said fields, they are still mostly portrayed as reacting to inputs from above.

The conference responds to the increasing historiographical interest on officers in Europe and intends to contribute by moving the focus from the officers or the state to the people in their respective communities. By encouraging a bottom-up perspective, it aims to underline people's agencies as watchers and actors that exerted a tangible control over the officers' behaviour, therefore understanding their engagement in procedures and practices of accountability as a mixture of negotiation and empowerment that goes well beyond a merely reactive role.

"Shaping the officer" brings together specialists from various countries and different research contexts across Europe, working on officers and strictly formal accountability procedures as well as less formalised practices of accountability. With a long chronological trajectory and a wide geographical scope, we hope to highlight the ways and means of local populations to actively engage in the task of ruling their territories, modelling the officers' behaviour and shaping institutions.

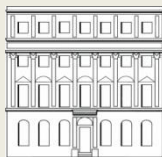
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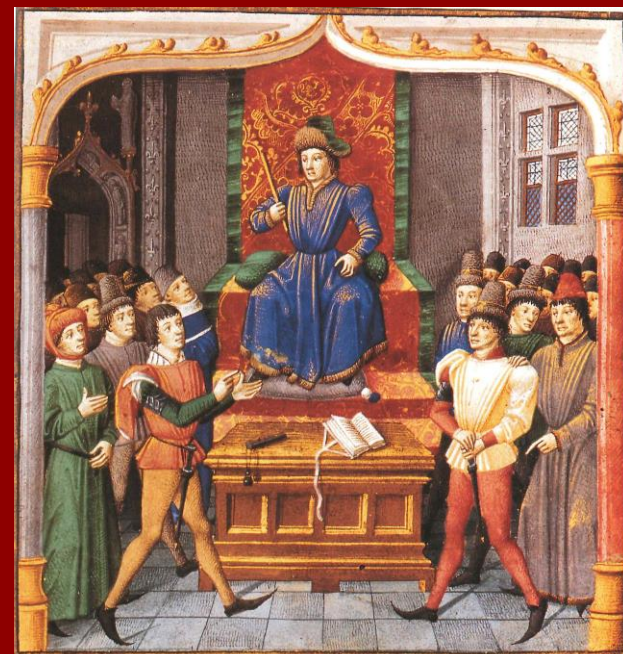
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## Wednesday, 08.11.2017

13.30-14:00

Registration

14:00-14:30

**Welcome and Introduction**

**María Ángeles Martín Romera** (Munich), **Hannes Ziegler** (London)

14:30-16:00, Chair: **María Ángeles Martín Romera**

**Laure Verdon** (Aix-Marseille): Some reflections on the uses of public inquiries in the shaping of officer's behaviour. The example of Comtat Venaissin (XIIIth century)

**Alexandra Beauchamp** (Limoges): *Inquisició de taula* and other Procedures of Royal Officers' Accountability in the Medieval Crown of Aragon (XIVth century)

Coffee

16:30-18:00, Chair: **Alice Taylor (King`s College London)**

**Attilio Stella** (St. Andrews): Rural Communities and the Bureaucratisation of Justice in Thirteenth-Century Italy

**Philippa Byrne** (Oxford): Moses, Samuel, and the People: thirteenth-century English judges and their communities

18:15-19:30 - Evening Lecture, Chair: **María Ángeles Martín Romera**

**Thierry Pécout** (Saint-Étienne): How to think the State? The monarchy of Anjou-Provence-Sicily, its officers and subjects (middle 13th - end of the 14th century)

Wine Reception at GHIL

## Thursday, 09.11.2017

10:00-11:30, Chair: **Patrick Lantschner (UCL)**

**Adelaide Costa** (Lisbon): The royal peripheral officers' accountability by the local communities (Portugal, Late Middle Ages)

**Hipólito Rafael Oliva Herrero** (Seville): Popular Politics and Officers' Accountability in Late Medieval Castile

Coffee

12:00-13:30, Chair: **Cornelia Linde (GHIL)**

**Rebecca Springer** (Oxford): Sheep Leading the Shepherd? Bartholomew, Bishop of Exeter (1161-84)

**Jonathan Lyon** (Chicago): The Habsburgs, the Swiss Confederacy, and the Wilhelm Tell Legend: Local Perspectives on Officers' Accountability

Lunch

14:30-16:45, Chair: **Arndt Brendecke (LMU Munich)**

**Marco Bellabarba** (Trient): Controlling the officers: judicial and administrative practices in Early Modern Italian States

**Johannes Kraus** (Frankfurt/Main): Administering war. Local officers, subjects and the Thirty Years War in the Upper Palatinate

**Federico Gálvez Gambero** (Málaga): Between Accountability and Compliance: The Role of Royal Treasury Officers in the Castilian Fiscal System from 1476-1524

Restaurant Dinner at TAS

7.30pm

## Friday, 10.11.2017

9:30-11:00, Chair: **Hannes Ziegler**

**Christoph Rosenmüller** (Mexico City/Murfreesboro): "Deformed by Money:" The Accountability of Officers and Native Legal Strategies in the Spanish Empire, ca. 1650-1755

**Spike Sweeting** (London): 'Old Corruption' in the Port of London: Bribery and the Life-Cycle in the Eighteenth-Century Customs

Coffee

11:30-13:00, Chair: **Arndt Brendecke (LMU Munich)**

**Sébastien Malaprade** (Paris): The Spanish *Visita* Procedure as a social phenomenon

**María Ángeles Martín Romera** (Munich): Empowered citizens and questioned officers: a social and anthropological perspective on the *juicios de residencia* in Spain (15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> centuries)

Lunch

14:00-15:30, Chair: **Michael Schaich (GHIL)**

**Hannes Ziegler** (London): "wee the neighbourhood". Informing in the late Seventeenth-Century Customs Administration

**Niels Grüne** (Innsbruck): Petitioning for a More Accountable Style of Office-Holding: The Hessian 'Landesverbesserungspunkte' (1731) and the Württemberg 'Landberichte' (1737) Compared

Coffee

16:00-17:15 - Closing Lecture, Chair: **Andreas Gestrich (GHIL)**

**Michael J. Braddick** (Sheffield): The presentation of the self: the negotiation and naturalisation of power in early modern England