

6th Colloquium on Crime and Criminal Justice in Early Modern and Modern Times
– Crime, Justice and Elites –

Type: Call for Papers

Date: 23rd – 25th September 2019

Location: Haus am Maiberg, Akademie für politische und soziale Bildung der Diözese Mainz, Ernst-Ludwig-Str. 19, 64646 Heppenheim, Germany (<https://www.haus-am-maiberg.de>)

Subject Fields: History, Law and Legal History, Sociology, Anthropology, Ethnology, Political Science, Humanities

Conference Languages: German and English

The colloquium provides an open forum for discussion, debate and the presentation of PhD-, postdoc- and other research projects related to the history of crime and justice in the early modern and modern period. It aims for an interdisciplinary exchange between scholars of a wide range of subjects such as history, legal history, sociology, anthropology, ethnology, humanities, political science and others. Core issues that will be addressed are various forms of crime and delinquency, law and normativity, criminal prosecution and justice, punishment and social control as well as sources and methodical approaches. We also invite contributions of scholars who would like to enter into a dialogue with researchers from the field of crime and criminal justice even though the mentioned topics would only constitute a part of the respective projects.

Both, proposals for panels of 2–4 speakers as well as proposals for individual presentations are accepted.

The 6th colloquium focuses on elites in a political, economic, social or cultural context, their role in the administration of justice and the legal system as well as specific forms of deviance and delinquency of such groups. While recent studies have addressed violent crime of elites (e.g. feuds and duels) or the involvement of elites in white-collar crimes, the conference aims to also address further potential fields of research in order to gain comparative perspectives on the role and function of elites in the history of crime and criminal justice. Hence, possible topics for presentations could cover:

1) Ruling, political and social elites

- feuds, duels, violent crimes
- political crime: (high) treason, lese majesty, political violence, assassinations
- corruption, bribery
- state crime, malpractice, crimes committed by authorities, states or public officials

2) Economic elites

- fraud, corruption
- forgery, counterfeiting

3) Cultural and religious elites

- religious deviance, crimes of church officials
- deviance and crime in school, university, educational institutions
- deviance and crime in healthcare/ of medical officials

- 4) Specific prerogatives, privileges and functions of elites in the system of law and justice
- political and social elites as office-holders in the system of law and justice
 - privileged/ special jurisdictions, legal forms of action, privileges
 - legal positions and options for action of elites in comparison to other social groups
 - role and function of elites in practices of extra- and infrajudicial conflict regulation

Additionally, there will be an open section with space for presentations that do not focus on elites but on other topics related to the history of crime and criminal justice. We particularly encourage scholars to contribute proposals for panels or single presentations in the open section.

Proposals

Please send a one-page abstract (max 300 words, German or English) with the title of the presentation and a brief summary of the content along with a short CV (one page) in one PDF file to the members of the organising team listed below. In the case of panel proposals please send an abstract of the panel topic (max 200 words) together with abstracts of the individual presentations (max 300 words) and the corresponding short CVs in one PDF file as well.

The presentations should not exceed 20 minutes and can be given in German or English

The deadline for proposals is 1st May 2019.

The conference will take place at the “Haus am Maiberg” in Heppenheim, Germany on 23rd to 25th September 2019. The number of participants is limited to 40 persons. Bed and board for the whole time of stay will be available for about 150€ Costs for travel and accommodation cannot be covered. In exceptional, duly justified cases limited financial support for travel and accommodation could be granted to PhD-students.

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