

Archival Secrecy in Early Modern Monarchies and Republics

University of Bern, Institute of History

Thursday & Friday, 5-6 September 2024
Mittelstrasse 43, Room 228

International Workshop, organised by Jan Haugner and Nadir Weber

Thursday, 5 September 2024

14.00–14.30

Jan Haugner and Nadir Weber (Bern)

Introduction

14.30–15.15

Filippo de Vivo (Oxford)

Arcana archivi? Comparative reflections

Section 1: Archives, their users, and historiography (Chair: André Holenstein)

15.45–16.30

Regula Schmid Keeling (Bern)

Controlling the past: historiography, the secrets of archive, and public memory in 15th to 18th century Switzerland

16.30–17.15

Jan Haugner (Bern)

Mental access to past secrets: Archival secrecy in the Old Swiss Confederacy through the lens of cognitive history

17.15–18.00

Ann-Sophie Hellmich-Schwan (Hamburg)

Behind lock and seal: secrecy in early modern noble and princely archives

19.00

Dinner

Friday, 6 September 2024

Section 2: Accessing archives in clerical states (Chair: Christian Windler)

9.00–9.45

Oliver Kruk (Bamberg)

The prince-bishop as petitioner? The archive of Bamberg Cathedral Chapter, secret knowledge, and the bishopric in the 16th century

9.45–10.30

Claudia Curcuruto (Mainz)

The government and secrecy practices of the Roman Curia under Pope Innocent XI Odescalchi in the mirror of their archives (1676-1689)

Section 3: Archival records and political conflicts (Chair: Jan Haugner)

11.00–11.45

Natalie Krentz (Frankfurt)

Secret documents in political pamphlets of the Thirty Years' War

11.45–12.30

Andreas Würigler (Geneva)

Burn or Publish? Rebels and Archives (late 15th to early 19th centuries)

12.30–14.00

Lunch Break

Section 4: Comparative perspectives and final discussion (Chair: Nadir Weber)

14.00–14.45

Randolph C. Head (California)

Closing comment

14.45–15.30

Final discussion

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