

Secret Councils: Comparative Perspectives on Monarchies and Republics, c. 1550-1800

University of Bern, Institute of History

Thursday & Friday, 20-21 June 2024
Mittelstrasse 43, Room 320

International Workshop, organised by Debora Heim and Nadir Weber

Thursday, 20 June 2024

14.00–14.30

Debora Heim and Nadir Weber (Bern)

Introduction

14.30–15.30

Cédric Michon (Rennes)

Councils and councillors in Renaissance Europe

Section 1: Secret councils in monarchies (Chair: Sarah Rindlisbacher Thomi)

15.45–16.30

Cathleen Sarti (Oxford)

From the aristocratic gehejmeråd to the absolutist gehejmekonseil: The secret council in early modern Denmark

16.30–17.15

Adriano Comissoli (Santa Maria)

Information policy and communication circuits in the Portuguese Monarchy, 1777 to 1812

18.00

Dinner

Friday, 21 June 2024

Section 2: Political secrecy in the Swiss Republics (Chair: Nadir Weber)

9.00–9.45

Debora Heim (Bern)

Secret councils in the early modern Swiss Confederacy (16th to 18th century)

9.45–10.30

Andreas Würigler (Geneva)

Open secrets? The Swiss diet and republican politics in the early modern Confederacy

Section 3: Secret councils in diplomatic relations (Chair: Andreas Berger)

10.45–11.30

Boro Bronza (Banja Luka)

Secrecy in relations between the Republic of Ragusa and Austria throughout the 18th century

11.30–12.15

Dorottya Piroska Bajorné Székely (Budapest)

An archbishop and his Viennese information network: Hungarian cases in the privy council and conference at the end of the 17th century

12.15–13.30

Lunch Break

Section 4: Secret councils, clerical states, and confession (Chair: Debora Heim)

13.30–14.15

Sven Dittmar (Mainz)

Secret councils in clerical states: The case of the Electorate of Mainz

14.15–15.00

Hannes Ziegler (München)

Confessional councils: The impact of religious divisions on the politics of secret councils in the Holy Roman Empire, ca. 1540-1620

15.30–16.45

André Holenstein (Bern)

Closing comment and final discussion

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