Workshop 2
“Early Modern Social History for the 21st Century?”
University of Sheffield
October 27-29, 2017

The Social in the Global - Series of two workshops -

Workshop 1: DFG Graduiertenkolleg, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, und Arbeitsstelle Globale Mikrogeschichte
June 9-11, 2017
Seminarraum des Graduiertenkollegs (A3-1-109)

Transport: The Buses 306 "Universität", 310 "Wehnen" and S35 "Westerstede" connect Oldenburg Central Station and Lappan (city centre) with the University campus. The bus stop is called “Universität”.

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The larger project of which this conference is a part seeks to encourage a rethinking of social history methodologies for the period roughly 1500-1800 in light of the ‘de-centring’ of Europe and the rise of global histories. It does so by coupling a social practices methodology (Theodore Schatzki and others) to such new approaches as global microhistory, spatiality, temporality and the history of materiality and the body. The main intellectual aims are to refine our explanations of historical change, to influence both ‘grand’ and middle-level narratives, to examine the relationship between ‘macro’ and ‘micro’ history, and to integrate materiality and the body into a global social history. Two more interlocked long-term aims are to enhance doctoral studies in social history, and to influence the way history textbooks deal with grand narrative. The project organizers aim to apply for a Horizon 2020 European Union training network grant in the next cycle.

In keeping with the long-term aim of establishing a training network for doctoral students, the conference will begin with two critical reflections. The first, by Peter Tobias, will examine what qualification programs do for young academics when looked at in a wider political and economic context. The second, by Thomas Alkemeyer, discusses coaching, the individualized self and reflexive modernism. The roundtable participants (doctoral students from several countries) will discuss Tobias’ and Alkemeyers’ talks in relation to their own views of graduate education and graduate student experience. This will be followed by several presentations and discussions on social practice theory, especially as applied to early modern history, and by presentations on global microhistory and on micro-spatial history.

### Program

**9 June**

**20:00** Conference Dinner

**10 June**

**Qualification Programs, and the Making of Academics**

**9:30-10:15**

*The making of academics, a critical reassessment*, Tobias Peter, Freiburg/Halle-Wittenberg

**10:15-10:30** Discussion

**10:30-11:15**

*Coaching as a practice of self-improvement*, Thomas Alkemeyer, Oldenburg

**10:15-10:30** Discussion

**11:30-12:00** Coffee

**12:00-13:00**

*Roundtable on the making of academics*, Kate Davison (Oxford), Charlotte Forss (Stockholm), Alexandra Janetzko (Oldenburg), Frank Marquardt (Oldenburg). Moderator: Karin Sennefelt, Stockholm

**13:00-13:30**

*General Discussion*

**13:30-15:00** Lunch

### Social Practice Theories

**15.00-15.30**

*Social practice theories in historical research*, Marian Füssel, Göttingen

**15.30-15.45** Discussion

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**15.45-16.15**

*Social practices and microhistory*, Dagmar Freist, Oldenburg

**16.15-16.30** Discussion

**16:30-17.00** Coffee

**17.00-17.15**

*Comment: Phil Withington, Sheffield*

**17.15-18.00**

*General Discussion*

**11 June**

**Social Practice Theories and Global History**

**09.30-10.00**

*Social practises and global microhistory*, Annika Raapke, Oldenburg

**10:00-10:15** Discussion

**10.15-10.45**

*Micro-Spatial History*, Christian G. De Vito, Leicester

**10:45-11:00** Discussion

**11:00-11:30** Coffee

**11.30-11.45**

*Comment: Margaret Hunt, Uppsala*

**11.45-12.15** Wrap up

Organizers:

Dagmar Freist (Carl von Ossietzky University)
Margaret Hunt (Uppsala University)
Karin Sennefelt (Stockholm University)
Phil Withington (Sheffield University)