

ZiF WORKSHOP

**Famines During the 'Little Ice Age' (1300-1800).
Socio-natural Entanglements in Premodern Societies**

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WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2015

20:00 Conference dinner: Restaurant "GeistReich" (Bielefelder Hof)

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2015

9:00 Welcome addresses and introduction

Research Approaches and Designs

9:30 **Ulf Büntgen (Zürich):**
A tree-ring perspective on 'Little Ice Age' summer temperature variability

9:50 **Katrin Moeller (Halle):**
Halle und die Hungerkrise von 1805. Ein Plädoyer für neue Krisenmodelle in der wirtschaftshistorischen Forschung der Vormoderne / Halle and the famine of 1805. New models for early modern economic history

10:20 **Christian Jörg (Tübingen):**
Forgotten crises of the medieval warm period. Researching famines of the High Middle Ages

10:40 Coffee break

11:15 **Jürg Luterbacher (Gießen):**
From proxies to integrated, statistically based 'Little Ice Age' climate reconstructions and potential for past famine studies

11:35 Discussion

12:00 *Lunch break*

European Famines

14:00 ***Heli Huhtamaa (Bern/Joensuu):***
Exploring climate-driven food crises in Finland during the Little Ice Age with written and dendroclimatological evidence

14:20 ***Francis Ludlow (Yale):***
Dynamics of extreme weather, Subsistence crises and violent conflict in medieval Ireland

14:40 ***Rudolf Brazdil (Brno):***
Famines in the Czech Lands during the 'Little Ice Age'

15:00 ***Guido Alfani (Milano):***
Italian famines: An overview (ca. 1250-1800)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 ***Bruce Campbell (Belfast):***
Climate and disease: The famine of 1346-7 and near-famine of 1349-52

16:20 Discussion

Break

18:00 Evening lecture:
Andrea Fadani (Ulm):
Hunger remembrance in a museological context: Any linkage to environmental changes?

19.00 Dinner at ZiF

FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2015

Global perspectives and coping strategies

9:30	Vinita Damodaran (Sussex): Climate signals, environment and livelihoods in seventeenth and eighteenth century India
9:50	Andrea De Vincenti (Zürich): Educationalizing hunger. Perceptions of the famine of 1771/72 in Zurich and coping strategies
10:10	Steven Serels (Berlin): Reconstructing patterns of human-environment interaction and collective organization in the African Red Sea World at the end of the 'Little Ice Age'
10:30	Discussion
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Kathrin Pindl (Regensburg): Crises and strategies of subsistence in pre-modern Regensburg. Hospital grain accounts as sources for economic history
11:50	Andreas Rüther (Bielefeld): Theory of migration vs. colonization thesis? Concurrent concepts and multiple models of medieval eastward expansion
12:30	Lunch break
14:00	Jessica Dijkman (Utrecht): Coping with food shortages in the village of Berkel (Holland), late 16 th - early 19 th century
14:20	Discussion
14:45	Final discussion
15:15	End of conference
19.00	Dinner downtown (self-pay)