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Convening
October 25-27, 2019
Hosted by the
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Friday, October 25
18:00 – Greetings and Introductions
19:00 – Conference Dinner

Saturday, October 26
9:00-9:15 – Welcome
9:15-10:45 – Morning Session 1

Anna Adorján and László Bence Bari present “(National) Minority: The Emergence of the Concept in International Legal History and in the Habsburg Empire”
Response by Zachary Barr

Anna Huemer presents “Hans Ludwig von Kuefstein (1582-1656) and the Constructions of Masculinities in the Austrian Aristocracy”
Response by Anna Parker

10:45-11:15 – Morning Break
11:15-12:45 – Morning Session 2

Robyn Radway presents “Ambassador Patrons”
Response by Christoph Würflinger

Phillip Henry presents “The Death of the New Socialist Man”
Response by Sanda Hasagić Teržić

12:45-14:15 – Lunch
14:15-15:45 – Afternoon Session 1

Simon Edlmayr presents “The Life and Works of Wilhelm Mannagetta (1592-1666)”
Response by Jan Volek

Rose Malloy presents “Home/Front, 1900-1920: Population Displacement and Nation-Making in the Northern Adriatic”
Response by László Bence Bari

15:45-16:15 – Afternoon Break
16:15-17:45 – Afternoon Session 2

Christoph Würflinger presents “The Encrypted Correspondence of the Imperial Resident in Constantinople: Alexander von Greiffenklau zu Vollrads (1643-45)”
Response by Robyn Radway

Ambika Natarajan presents “Vagrant Servants as Disease Vectors: Regulation of Maidservants in Fin-de-Siècle Vienna”
Response by Lisa Brunner

Sunday, October 27
9:30-11:00 – Morning Session 1

Jan Volek presents “Making Erasmus Speak Czech: Patronage and Production of the 1533 Czech Translation of the New Testament”
Response by Simon Edlmayr

Sanda Hasagić Teržić presents “Reports on Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Austro-Hungarian Press (1878-1903)”
Response by Phillip Henry

11:00-11:30 – Morning Break
11:30-13:00 – Morning Session 2

Anna Parker presents “The Wedding Girdle: Women, Marriage, and Property in Renaissance Prague”
Response by Anna Huemer

Zachary Barr presents “Ernst Mach’s Popular Science, 1865-1896”
Response by Anna Adorján