Making Sense of Violence?

*Interdisciplinary approaches to violence: past and present*

**University of Berne**

*September 7-10*

*2011*

Draft Program
Wednesday, September 7

Arrival in Berne

19.00
Opening Lecture
Steven Pinker (Harvard University), The Decline of Violence and its Psychological Roots

Thursday, September 8

9.00
Welcome and introduction to the conference
Joachim Eibach (University of Berne)
Richard Mc Mahon (IRCHSS Postdoctoral fellow, NUI, Maynooth)

9.30-11.00
Session 1:
Violence, Gender and Space in Early Modern Europe
Manon van der Heijden (Leiden University), Violence and Gender in Early Modern Neighbourhoods
Cecilia Cristellon (DHI Rome / University of Berne), The (Dis)order of Family Violence: Spaces, Limits, Strategies

Coffee break with Swiss ‘Gipfeli’

11.30-13.00
Session 2:
Urban and Elite Violence in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries
Maarten F. Van Dijck (Erasmus University Rotterdam / University of Antwerp), A Clash of Cultures? Violent Behavior in Antwerp during the Sixteenth Century
John Cronin (EUI, Florence alumnus), Violence and Duelling between Exiled Courtiers: the Case of the Caroline Court in Exile, c. 1649-c. 1660


**Lunch**

14.00-15.30

Session 3:

**Violence and Student Life in Europe, 1400-1700**

Hannah Skoda (University of Oxford), *Student Violence in Fifteenth-Century Paris and Oxford*

Barbara Krug-Richter (University of Münster), *Early Modern Student Fights and Duels at German Universities*

**Coffee Break**

16.00-17.30

Session 4:

**Discourse and Discipline in Early Modern Europe**

Maren Lorenz (University of Hamburg), *Brawl, Duel or Scuffle? The Law and Conflict between the Military and Civilians, 1650-1700*

Falk Bretschneider (EHESS Paris), *Discipline and Violence in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Correction Houses*

**Break for Sandwiches**

18.00-19.00

**Evening lecture**

Randolph Roth (Ohio State University), *Quantitative Analysis of the History of Crime and Violence: Achievements and Prospects*

19.30: Guided tour through the town
**Friday, September 9**

9.15-10.45

*Session 5a:*

**Sources for the History of Interpersonal Violence**

James Sharpe (University of York), *The Coroner and Violent Death in Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century England*

Olli Matikainen, (University of Jyväskylä), *Violence and Moral Statistics Revisited: The Case of Finland in the Sixteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*

*Session 5b:*

**Approaches to the History of Interpersonal Violence**

John Carter Wood (Open University), *A Part of Us or Apart from Us? The Cultural, Social and Psychological Sense of Violence*

Gerd Schwerhoff (University of Dresden), *Cultural Perspectives on the History of Interpersonal Violence: Achievements and Prospects*

*Coffee Break with Swiss ‘Gipfeli’*

11.15-12.45

*Session 6a:*

**Weapons and Words in Nineteenth-Century Europe**

Dagmar Ellerbrock (Bielefeld University), "Slashing and stabbing” – Weaponry and the Meaning of Violence, 1830–1900

Heinz-Gerhard Haupt (EUI, Florence), *Menace Letters in Nineteenth-Century Paris*
Session 6b:

**Interpersonal Violence and Modernity: Patterns and Practices**

Peter King (University of Leicester), *The Geography of Homicide in Nineteenth-Century Britain; Exploring and Explaining Spatial Patterns of Lethal Violence*

Joachim Eibach (University of Berne), *Archaic Rituals in Modern Times? Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Youth Violence*

**Lunch**

14.00-15.30

Session 7a:

**The Changing Faces of Urban Violence in Modern Switzerland**

Silvio Raciti (University of Berne) / Maurice Cottier (University of Berne), *Shifts in Interpersonal Violence in Swiss Cities, 1750-1930*

Christoph Dejung (University of Constance), *Violent Youth Protest in Zurich during the 1980s*

Session 7b:

**Honour and Legal Cultures in North America**

Matthew Ward (University of Dundee), *A New Man? The Rise of Interpersonal Violence in the Trans-Appalachian West, 1732-1815*

Joshua Stein (Yale University), *The Masculinization of the Law: Selectivity in Antebellum Assault Prosecution and Gender*

**Coffee Break**
16.00-17.30

Session 8a:

**Terrorist and Fascist Movements in Modern Europe**

Lutz Häfner (University of Göttingen), *Terrorist Assaults in Autocratic Russia as a Means to Influence Public Opinion in “civilized” Europe at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century*

Sven Reichardt (University of Constance), *Masculinity and Violence in Fascist Movements*

Session 8b:

**Honour and Migration in North America**

Pauline Grosjean (University of San Francisco), *A History of Violence: The “Culture of Honor” as a Determinant of Homicide in the US South*

Richard Mc Mahon (IRCHSS Postdoctoral fellow, NUI, Maynooth), *Violence, Ethnicity and the City: The Irish Experience in late Nineteenth-Century San Francisco*

Break

18.00-19.00

**Evening lecture**

Reinhard Schulze (University of Berne), *The Perpetrators of Nine Eleven*

19.30: Conference Dinner
**Saturday, September 10**

**9.00-10.30**

*Session 9a:*

**Ethnicity, Politics and Violence**
John Regan (University of Dundee), *The Bandon Valley Massacre* (Cork, Ireland, 1922) Revisited
Magid Shihade (Birzeit University), *Colonialism and Communal Violence among Palestinians in Israel*

*Session 9b:*

**Violence and Policing**
Anja Johansen (University of Dundee), *Police Violence and the “Civilising Process”: Systemic Challenges and Police Violence in Berlin, Paris and London from the Late Nineteenth Century*
Jan Beek / Mirco Göpfert (University of Mainz), *Violence as Normal Exception in West African Police Organizations*

**Coffee break with Swiss ‘Gipfeli’**

**11.00**

*Final Discussion*

Joachim Eibach (University of Berne)
Richard Mc Mahon (IRCHSS Postdoctoral fellow, NUI, Maynooth)

*End of conference*