

**Hans Medick, retired Research Fellow from the Max-Planck-Institut fuer Geschichte, Goettingen (Germany). Until 2004 Professor of Modern History and Historical Anthropology, University of Erfurt.**

Professor Medick graduated with a PhD in History from the University of Erlangen- Nuernberg in 1971 after studying History, Philosophy and Political Science at the universities of Cologne, Heidelberg and Erlangen-Nuernberg. From 1973 to 2004 he worked as full-time Research Fellow at the Max-Planck-Institut fuer Geschichte at Goettingen. During this time he held teaching appointments at various universities both in Germany and abroad (in Europe at the universities of Goettingen, Hannover, Basel and Zuerich). From 1980 to 1981 he taught as Visiting Professor at the Department of History at Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore), in 1997 as William Andrews Clark Distinguished Professor of Early Modern History at UCLA and again in 2002 as Visiting Professor at the Department of History at UCLA; in 2008 he held an appointment as Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, George Washington University, St. Louis. During the winter term 2011 he was Oliver Smithies Visiting Lecturer and Senior Guest Fellow at Balliol College, University of Oxford. From October to December 2011 he was invited as Senior Fellow of the Country of Lower Saxony at the Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel.

From 1997 to 1999 Hans Medick taught as professor of Medieval and Modern History at the University of Goettingen, in 1999 he was appointed Professor of Modern History and Historical Anthropology at the newly founded University of Erfurt, where together with Alf Luedtke he founded the "Arbeitsstelle Historische Anthropologie" (Center for Historical Anthropology) and directed it until his retirement at the end of 2004.

During his time at the Max-Planck-Institut fuer Geschichte in Goettingen Professor Medick founded or co-founded several international research projects and collaborated with them: "Proto-industrialisation" (with Peter Kriedte and Juergen Schlumbohm), "Family History" (with Karin Hausen, Michael Mitterauer, Heidi Rosenbaum and David Sabeau), and "History and Anthropology" (with Robert Berdahl, David Cohen, Jack Goody, Esther Goody, Alf Luedtke, David Sabeau, Gerald Sider).

He was from 2004 to 2011 Research Coordinator and participant in the interdisciplinary research project "Selbstzeugnisse in transkultureller Perspektive" (Self-Narratives in Transcultural Perspective) which is financed by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German National Research Council, DFG) and is located at the Free University of Berlin. He has worked and is working on several projects in connection with this research activity: in 2008 he published a new digital text and research resource with four previously unpublished seventeenth-century personal accounts in the world wide web "Mitteldeutsche Selbstzeugnisse der Zeit des Dreissigjaehrigen Krieges" (accessible at: [www.mdsz.thulb.uni-jena.de](http://www.mdsz.thulb.uni-jena.de)).

In 1994/1995 Hans Medick held an appointment as fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg at Berlin (Berlin Institute for Advanced Study). From 1995 to 1999 he served as member of the executive committee for Early Modern History within the Association

of German Historians. Before and after his retirement Hans Medick served on numerous academic committees, including the search committee for the New Leibniz Chair in Early Modern History at the University of Hannover (2009) and most recently (2010) a committee appointed by the Saxon Academy of Sciences at Leipzig to evaluate the work of the Research Team at the Herzog August Library at Wolfenbuettel, which is editing the papers of the first scholarly academy in seventeenth-century central Europe, the "Fruchtbringende Gesellschaft."

In 1993 he co-founded the journal "Historische Anthropologie. Kultur-Gesellschaft-Alltag," (which appears with Boehlau publishers, Vienna-Cologne-Weimar), and he has served on its editorial board since then. He also serves on the advisory boards of three other journals: "L'Homme. Europaeische Zeitschrift für feministische Geschichtswissenschaft", "Österreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften" and "Sozial.Geschichte." He is co-founder and co-editor of the publication series "Selbstzeugnisse der Neuzeit" (Self-Narratives of the Modern Age), which appears with Boehlau publishers, Vienna, Cologne, Weimar.

Professor Medick has researched and published widely in the fields of social, economic and cultural history of the early modern period, but also of intellectual history and especially on the theory and methods of history.

**Recent and forthcoming book publications:** He is currently working on a monograph: "Wahrnehmungen eines Weltenkriegs. Der Dreissigjaehrige Krieg aus mikro-geschichtlicher Perspektive" (Perceptions of a World War. The Thirty Years War from a Micro-Historical Perspective).

In collaboration with the American historian Benjamin Marschke he has written and edited a textbook for Anglo- American students and readers due to appear in spring 2013: Hans Medick, Benjamin Marschke, "Experiencing the Thirty Years War. A Brief History with Documents (Bedford Series in History and Culture)", Boston, New York 2013.

Together with Claudia Ulbrich (Berlin) and Angelika Schaser (Hamburg) he has edited and published a volume presenting recent transcultural research on ego-documents: Claudia Ulbrich, Hans Medick, Angelika Schaser eds., "Selbstzeugnis und Person. Transkulturelle Perspektiven (Ego-Document and Personhood. Transcultural Perspectives)", Cologne, Weimar, Vienna 2012.

„Religion und Gewalt. Konflikte, Rituale, Deutungen (1500-1800)" (**Religion and Violence. Conflicts, Rituals, Interpretations (1500-1800)**), co-edited with Kaspar von Greyerz, Kim Siebenhuener, Christophe Duhamelle and Patrice Veit), Goettingen 2006.

„Der Tod von eigener Hand. Selbsttoetung als kulturelle Praxis" (**Death by One's Own Hand. Suicide as Cultural Practice**) co-edited with Andreas Baehr, Cologne-Weimar-Vienna 2005;

"Luther zwischen den Kulturen. Zeitgenossenschaft-Weltwirkung" (**Luther Between Cultures. Contemporaneity – World Impact**), co-edited with Peer

Schmidt, Goettingen 2004.

„Von der dargestellten Person zum erinnerten Ich. Europaeische Selbstzeugnisse als historische Quellen (1500-1800)“ (**From Representations of Personhood to Internalized Egos. European Personal Accounts as Historical Sources (1500-1800)**), edited with Kaspar von Greyerz and Patrice Veit, Cologne-Weimar- Vienna 2001.

„Zwischen Alltag und Katastrophe. Der Dreissigjaehrige Krieg aus der Naehe“ (**Between Everyday Life and Catastrophe. The Thirty Years War from Up Close**) co-edited with Benigna von Krusenstjern, Goettingen 2nd edition 2001; “Geschlechtergeschichte als Allgemeine Geschichte. Herausforderungen und Perspektiven” (**Gender History as General History. Challenges and Perspectives**), edited with Anne-Charlott Trepp, Goettingen 1998

#### **Major monographs and books:**

„Weben und Überleben in Laichingen. Lokalgeschichte als Allgemeine Geschichte“ (**Weaving and Surviving in Laichingen. Local History as General History**), Goettingen 1996 (2nd edition 1997). This book in 1998 was awarded the René Kuczynski prize for the best book written on the Social and Economic History of Central Europe.

In co-authorship with Peter Kriedte and Jürgen Schlumbohm: „Industrialisierung vor der Industrialisierung. Gewerbliche Warenproduktion auf dem Land in der Formationsperiode des Kapitalismus“ (Veroeffentlichungen des Max-Planck-Instituts für Geschichte 53) Goettingen 1977. English translation as: **Industrialization before Industrialization. Rural Industry in the Genesis of Capitalism**. Cambridge 1981. Italian translation as: L'industrializzazione prima dell' industrializzazione, Bologna 1984. Spanish translation as: Industrialización antes de la industrialización, Barcelona 1986.

„Naturzustand und Naturgeschichte der buergerlichen Gesellschaft. Die Urspruenge der buergerlichen Sozialtheorie als Geschichtsphilosophie und Sozialwissenschaft bei Samuel Pufendorf, John Locke und Adam Smith“ (**State of Nature and Natural History of Civil Society. The Origins of Bourgeois Social Theory as Philosophy of History and Social Science in Samuel Pufendorf, John Locke and Adam Smith**) (Kritische Studien zur Geschichtswissenschaft 5) Goettingen 1973. 2nd ed. Goettingen 1981. This book won the faculty prize for the best dissertation in the humanities at the University of Erlangen-Nuernberg in 1971. In co-editorship with Zwi Batscha: “Adam Ferguson, Versuch ueber die Geschichte der buergerlichen Gesellschaft“, Francfort 1986 . (**Adam Ferguson, An Essay on the History of Civil Society, 1767**). The translation und a substantial part of the introduction were provided by Hans Medick. In co-editorship with David Sabean:

“**Interest and Emotion. Essays on the Study of Family and Kinship**”, Cambridge 1984, 2nd edition Cambridge 2011.

German edition of the same: "Emotionen und materielle Interessen. Sozialanthropologische und historische Beiträge zur Familienforschung", Goettingen 1984.

**Recent articles:**

„Civil Society“, „Bürgerliche Gesellschaft“, „Zivilgesellschaft“. Adam Fergusons „An Essay on the History of Civil Society“ (1767) („Civil Society“, „Bürgerliche Gesellschaft“, modern „Civil Society“). Adam Ferguson's „An Essay on the History of Civil Society“ in: Uffa Jensen, Habbo Knoch u.A. eds., Gewalt und Gesellschaft. Klassiker modernen Denkens neu gelesen, Göttingen 2011, S. 47-58.“

„Der Dreissigjaehrige Krieg als Erfahrung und Memoria. Zeitgenoessische Wahrnehmungen eines Ereigniszusammenhang“, in: Peter C. Hartmann, Florian Schuller eds., „Der Dreissigjaehrige Krieg. Facetten einer folgenreichen Epoche, Regensburg 2010, pp. 158-172, 199-204. The same published in English as: **“The Thirty Years War as Experience and Memory: Contemporary Perceptions of a Macro-Historical Event”**, in: Lynne Tatlock ed., “Enduring Loss in Early Modern Germany. Cross Disciplinary Perspectives”, Leiden (Brill) 2010, pp. 25-49.

„Wallensteins Tod. Auf den medialen Schlachtfeldern des Dreissigjaehrigen Krieges“ (**Wallenstein's Death. On the Medial Battlegrounds of the Thirty Years War**), in: Daphnis. Zeitschrift für Mittlere Deutsche Literatur und Kultur der Fruehen Neuzeit 37. 2008 No.1-2: Special Issue: “Consuming News: Newspapers and Print Culture in Early Modern Europe”, Amsterdam 2009, pp. 111-130.

„Zwischen Religionskrieg und Fakultaetskonflikt. Professoren an der “Reform- Universität” Erfurt – im 17. Jahrhundert” (**Between Religious War and Faculty Conflict. Professors at the ‘Reform University’ of Erfurt – in 17th Century Germany**), in: Alf Luedtke, Reiner Prass eds., „Gelehrtenleben. Wissenschaftspraxis in der Neuzeit“, Cologne, Weimar, Vienna 2008, pp. 47-64.

„Geschichte – fuer wen?“ Zu einem anstoessigen Text von Alf Luedtke und Hans Medick aus dem Jahr 1977“ (**„History for Whom?“ Reflections on a Controversial Text by Alf Luedtke and Hans Medick from 1977**), in: Belinda Davis, Thomas Lindenberger, Michael Wildt eds., “Alltag, Erfahrung, Eigensinn. Historisch-anthropologische Erkundungen“, Francfort 2008, pp 29-58.

„Sondershausen als ‚Schindershausen‘. Selbstverortungen und Wahrnehmungshorizonte der Gewalt in Volckmar Happes *Chronicon Thuringiae* aus der Zeit des Dreissigjaehrigen Krieges“ (**Sondershausen as Torture-Hausen. Selfpositionings and Horizons of Perception in Descriptions of Violence. Volckmar Happe's *Chronicon Thuringiae* from the Times of the Thirty Years War**), in: Andreas Baehr, Peter Burschel, Gabriele Jahncke eds., “Raeume des Selbst. Selbstzeugnisforschung transkulturell“, Cologne, Vienna, Weimar 2008, pp. 173-186.

Zwischen Mythos und Realität. Die historische Erforschung der Familie (**Between Myth and Reality. The Family in Historical Research**), in: Susanne Mayer, Dietmar Schulte eds., Die Zukunft der Familie, Munich 2007, pp. 36-55.

„Historische Anthropologie auf dem Weg zur Selbstreflexion“ (**Historical Anthropology on the Path towards Self-Reflection**), in: Historische Zeitschrift 283. 2006, pp. 124-130

„Orte und Praktiken religiöser Gewalt im Dreissigjährigen Krieg. Konfessionelle Unterschiede und ihre Wahrnehmung in Selbstzeugnissen“  
(**Locations and Practices of Religious Violence in the Thirty Years War. Confessional Distinctions and their Reflections in Self-Narratives**), in: Kaspar von Greyerz, Kim Siebenhüner eds., „Religion und Gewalt. Konflikte, Rituale, Deutungen (1500-1800)“, Göttingen 2006, pp. 367-382

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