Military Organisation and Society in the post-Roman World

A workshop organised by the project

The Militarisation of Early Medieval Societies. Nature, Control and Perception in a West-European Comparison



15th-16th August 2016

Freie Universität Berlin Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut Koserstrasse 20, 14195 Berlin Raum A 185

Monday 15th August

13:30

Laury Sarti and Stefan Esders
Introduction

Philip Rance

Soldier and Civilian in the Byzantine Empire c.600-c.900. A Militarised Society?

15:30 Coffee break

16:00

Roland Steinacher

Pannonia as the Empire's Drill-Ground

Matthias Hardt

Avars and Slavs – A military Relation?

19:00 Dinner at the Gasthaus Landauer

Tuesday 16th August

9:00

Kai Grundmann

'Clipeus and Gladius of the Roman People'? Admnistration and Operations of the Ostrogothic Army in Italy

Guido M. Berndt

The Role of the Military in Lombard Italy. Some Preliminary Considerations

11:00 Coffee break

11:15

Leif I. R. Petersen

The Imperial Foundations of Frankish and Visigothic Military Organization: Some Methodological Considerations

12:15 Lunch in the Ristorante Piazza Michelangelo

14:00

Ellora Bennett

The Anglo-Saxon Military before Alfred. An Overview

Ryan Lavelle

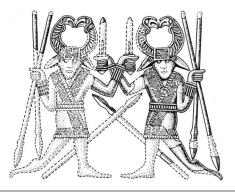
The Development of Military Reforms under Alfred the Great of Wessex (871–899). A Review of Current Scholarship

16:00 Coffee break

16:20-18:00

Philipp von Rummel and Lukas Bothe Summary and Conclusions

Final Discussion





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Since the end of Antiquity, the societies of Western Europe underwent a continual process of militarisation. This process intensified during the Early Middle Ages, and came to be a defining characteristic of the period. Militarisation can be identified by the lack of demarcation between the martial and civil spheres of the population; weapons became increasingly widespread and warlike attributes, activities, and values were widely recognised and respected. Militarisation impacted on how members of early medieval societies perceived their worldly position. As such, this research project employs both modern approaches to structural history and the history of mentalities, investigating the phenomenon of militarisation and its overall impact on the development of early medieval societies.



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