



# Early Medieval Militarisation

## An Archaeological Perspective

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, 28TH TO 29TH NOVEMBER 2018

*Tagungsort: Großer Saal, Haus zur lieben Hand, Löwenstraße 16, 79098 Freiburg im Breisgau*

28th November

LAURY SARTI (Freiburg), *Welcome and Introduction*

### SESSION I: WEAPON BURIALS

(Moderation: Sebastian Brather)

BENJAMIN HAMM (Freiburg), *Change of habit equals change of values? Burials of military men between 300 and 500 A.D.*

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(Moderation: Philipp von Rummel, Berlin)

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STEPHEN HARRISON (Glasgow), *Viking Camps in Ireland – new evidence and new interpretations*

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ELLORA BENNETT (Berlin), *Symbolising militarisation – some considerations on the importance of weapons in early Anglo-Saxon burials*

GUIDO M. BERNDT (Berlin), *Weapons as signifiers of militarisation in Lombard Italy – some historiographical and archaeological perspectives*

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### SESSION IV: MILITARY FORTIFICATIONS

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LUC BOURGEOIS (Caen), *Recent research on fortifications in France and Belgium 750–1000 – new themes and new questions*

ALEXANDRU MADGEARU (Bucharest), *The Byzantine Danubian borderland in the 10th–12th centuries*

### SESSION V: COMPARING EARLY MEDIEVAL MILITARISATION

(Moderation: Laury Sarti)

SVANTE FISCHER (Uppsala), *Early medieval militarisation in Scandinavia and the outskirts of Rome – a comparative perspective*

Final discussion

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Any person interested in the subject of the conference is welcome to attend!

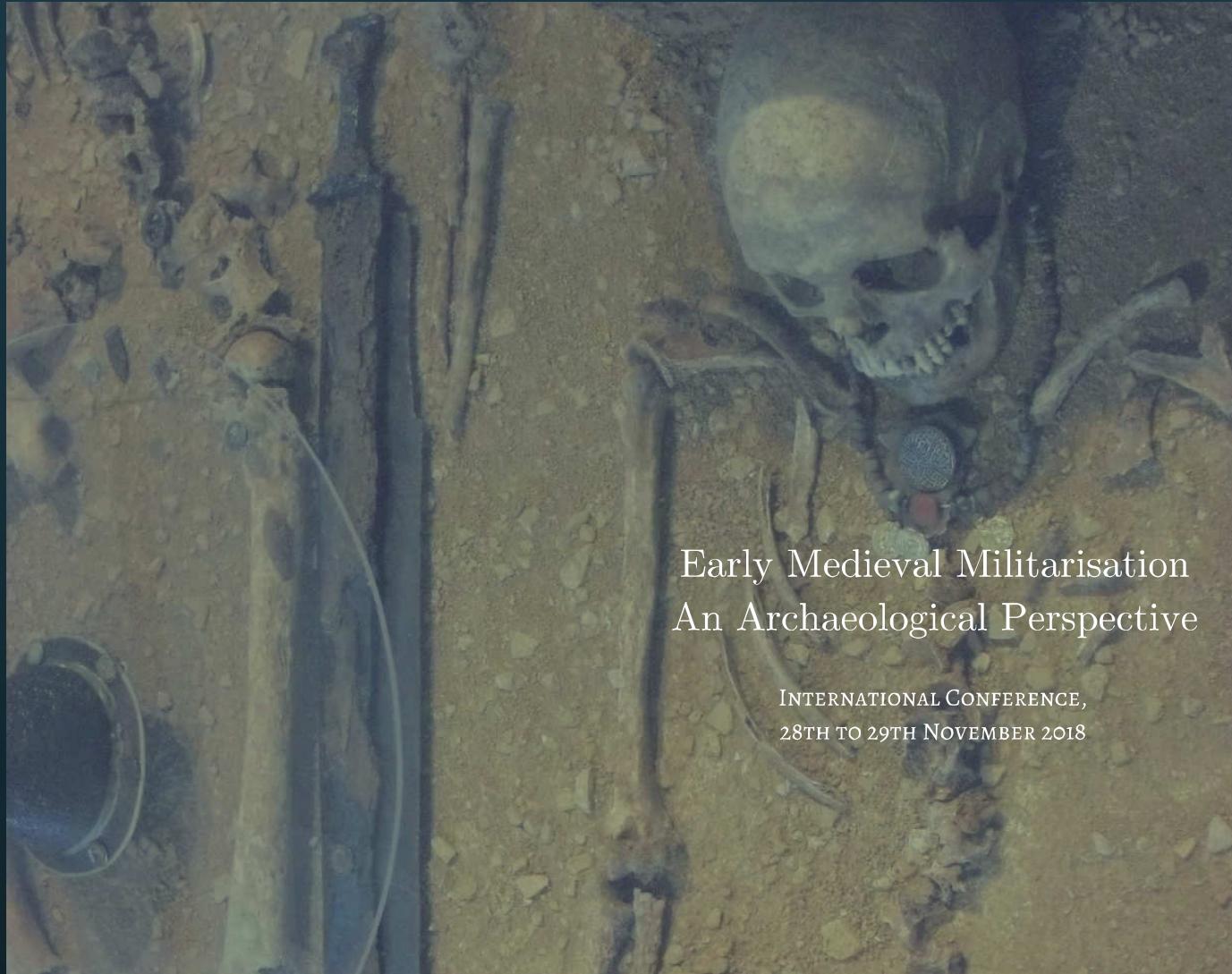




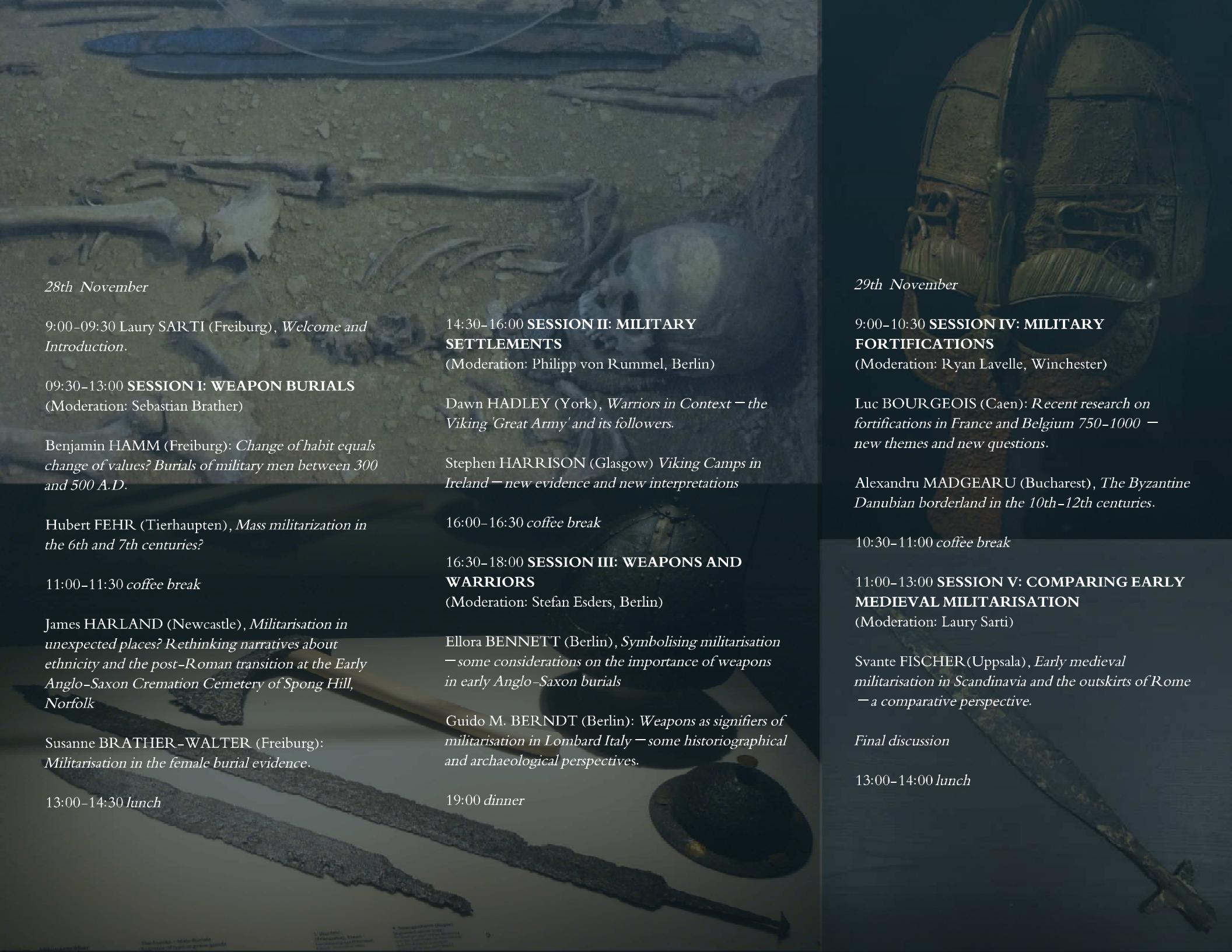
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13:00–14:30 lunch

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