

# Reflections of a Militarised World?

## Perceptions and Conceptions of War and the Military in the Early Middle Ages (ca 500–1000)



## International Conference

19th to 21st September 2017

Topoi-Haus, Hittorfstraße 18, 14195 Berlin

### 19th SEPTEMBER

13:30–13:45 Stefan Esders (Berlin), *Introduction. The 'Post-Roman Militarization Index' and the Early Medieval Kingdoms*

13:45–15:15 SESSION I: ASSESSING MILITARISATION  
(Moderation: Miriam Czock, Duisburg-Essen)

Edward James (London), *Militarisation. Twenty Years On*

Laury Sarti (Freiburg), *Perceptions and Conceptions of War and the Military as Reflections of a Militarised World*

15:15–15:45 coffee break

15:45–17:15 SESSION II: WAR AND CHRISTIAN THOUGHT  
(Moderation: Miriam Czock)

Uta Heil (Vienna), *Swords in Christian Hands. Reflections on Gregory the Great*

Hans-Werner Goetz (Hamburg), *Holy Wars? Religious Wars? The Perception of Religious Motives of Warfare against non-Christian Enemies in Ninth-Century Chronicles*

17:15–17:30 coffee break

17:30–18:15 Yannis Stouraitis (Vienna), *Just war in Leo VI's *Tactica* as a Hallmark of Imperial Romanness in early tenth-century Byzantium*

### 20th SEPTEMBER

9:00–10:30 SESSION III: ASSESSMENTS OF THE WARRIOR  
(Moderation: Ryan Lavelle, Winchester)

Ellora Bennett (Berlin), *Construction of the Enemy in Pre-Viking England*

Thomas Wittkamp (Freiburg), *Weapons and Warriors in the *Gesta Karoli* of Notker the Stammerer – Evidence of a Militarised World?*

10:30–11:00 coffee break

11:00–12:30 SESSION IV: PERCEPTIONS OF MILITARY COMBAT  
(Moderation: Stefan Esders)

Stefanie Dick (Bonn), *Krieg und Gewalt in der Darstellung des Paulus Diaconus*

Guido M. Berndt (Berlin), *Lombard Warfare. Some Observations from the Perspective of Non-Lombard Sources*

12:30–14:00 lunch

14:00–17:30 Thomas Scharff (Braunschweig), *Defining battle in the Carolingian Age. Perceptions, Attributions and Appraisals*

Michel Summer (Freiburg), *Images of war? A Reconsideration of the Figural Scenes on Early Medieval Helmets and other Items from north-western Europe*

15:30–16:00 coffee break

16:00–17:30 SESSION V: REPRESENTATIONS OF WARFARE  
(Moderation: Ryan Lavelle, Winchester)

Magali Coumert (Brest), *Violence, Trickeries and Fights in Origin Accounts of the early Middle Ages*

Stefano Gasparri (Venice), *"Gens Germana gente ferocior". Lombards and Warfare between Representation and Reality*

### 21st SEPTEMBER

8:30–10:00 SESSION VI: WHY BATTLES WERE FOUGHT  
(Moderation: Laury Sarti)

Pablo Poveda Arias (Salamanca), *The Role of War in the Construction of Visigothic Kingdom in Hispania (507–589). Motivations, Perceptions and Factors of Military Cohesion*

Etienne Renard (Namur) and Thomas Beukenne (Louvain-la-Neuve), *Motives and Justification for Frankish Military Campaigns*

10:00–10:30 coffee break

10:30–12:00 SESSION VII: ASSESSMENTS OF FIGHTING  
(Moderation: Laury Sarti)

Simon Coupland (Cambridge), *Warrior or Wimp? Charles the Bald as Military Commander*

Philip Rance (Berlin), *"Displaying Many Wounds". The Portrayal and Symbolism of Combat Injuries in early Medieval Warfare (4th–7th centuries)*

12:00–12:15 coffee break

12:15–13:00 Ryan Lavelle (Winchester) and Philipp von Rummel (Berlin), *Summary and Final Remarks*

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Fig.: Illustration of Psalm 60, ms. from the Abbey of Saint-Germain-des-Prés (ca 820/30)

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