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# Premodern Economic Sanctions

## Workshop

Wednesday, 3rd - Friday, 5th September 2025

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Trade wars, tolls, and travel restrictions may dominate the news in the early 21st century, but new they are not. This workshop is dedicated to the premodern history of economic sanctions, both by looking at core cases of premodern sanctions research, and by exploring the boundaries of what it means to talk about economic sanctioning in a world before economic liberalism.

## Programme

Wednesday, 3rd September 2025

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| <b>16:00-16:30</b> | <b>Welcome and Introduction</b><br>Maximiliane Berger (Basel) |
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| <b>16:30-18:00</b> | <b>Key Notes in Sanctions Research I</b><br>Mike Carr (Edinburgh) and Stefan Stantchev (Arizona State) |
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Thursday, 4th September 2025

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| <b>08:30-10:00</b> | <b>Tribute and Tithe as Signs of Submission to Christianity in the Saxon Marches, 10th–11th centuries</b><br>Mihai Dragnea (University of South-Eastern Norway)<br><b>The Threat of Monetary Fines in the Documents of the Reformpäpste</b><br>Sofie Auer (Wuppertal) |
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| <b>10:30-12:00</b> | <b>The Economic and Social Impact of Confiscations and Fines in the Roman Society</b><br>Sofia Piacentin (Verona)<br><b>Between Sanctions and Trade Incentives: Royal Policies for Grain Provision during the Great Famine in England, 1315–1322</b><br>Maximilian Schuh (Berlin) |
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<b>13:00–14:30</b>	<b>Economic Coercion and the German Hanse as a Sanctioning Community: The Case of Cologne and the English Trade Embargo, 1469–1478</b> Angela Huang (Lübeck) <b>Economic Sanctions and Symbolic Communication in Anglo-Hanseatic Relations during the Late 15th Century</b> Julian Koch (Berlin)
<b>15:00–16:30</b>	<b>Entwined Enemies. The Negotiation of English Sanctions Policy in the later Hundred Years' War</b> Robin Wheeler (Berlin) <b>Venice's Embargo against Mehmed II and Political Decision-Making in Renaissance Venice</b> Stefan Stantchev (Arizona State)

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<b>09:30-12:00</b>	<b>Key Notes in Sanctions Research II</b> Alexandra Kaar (Vienna) and Christian Jaser (Kassel) <b>Concluding Discussion</b>
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## Participation

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