

## Conference Theme

The term “resilience” is used in a variety of ways and with a diverse array of meanings in numerous scientific, professional and even everyday contexts. This conference aims at advancing the development of a social understanding of resilience and its analytical utilization in sociology and medieval contexts by examining strategies, dispositions and resources of resilience as well as unanticipated consequences and side effects of resilience strategies.

These topics will be discussed from empirical as well as theoretical vantage points, with the aim to interconnect and mutually enrich the different and interdisciplinary approaches to understanding processes of resilience and adaptive change in historical contexts. In doing so, the conference will both highlight and discuss problems associated with the concept of resilience and at the same time develop a new analytical category for understanding socio-historical processes.

## Conference Venue

### *Main Conference Venue*

Nells Park Hotel  
Dasbachstraße 12  
54292 Trier

### *Lecture and Reception*

University of Trier  
Universitätsring 15  
54296 Trier  
Lecture: Senate Room (V302)  
Reception: Mensa Guest Room

## Contact

The conference is organized by the DFG Research Group 2539 „Resilience. Phases of Societal Upheaval in Dialogue between Medieval Studies and Sociology“.

### *Further information*

<http://for2539-resilienz.uni-trier.de>

### *Registration*

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Participation in the conference is free of charge.



**RESILIENZ**

Forschergruppe 2539  
Mediävistik & Soziologie

## CONFERENCE

Strategies, Dispositions and  
Resources of Social Resilience.  
A Dialogue between Medieval  
Studies and Sociology

**12.03.2018 – 15.03.2018**

## Monday, 12.03.2018

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### Welcome and Opening

14:00–14:30 *Lukas Clemens (Trier)*  
Welcome and Introduction

14:30–15:00 *Coffee Break*

### Session 1: Strategies, Dispositions and Resources – Theoretical Considerations

15:00–15:30 *Benjamin Rampp (Trier)*  
Strategies, Dispositions and Resources  
in Multi-level/Multi-layer Figurations

15:30–16:00 *Martin Endreß (Trier)*  
Strategies, Dispositions and Resources  
as Socio-historical Constructions

16:00–17:00 Discussion on Session 1  
*Chair: Marie Luise Naumann (Trier)*

18:00 *City Tour (Meeting Point: Porta Nigra)*

19:00 *Dinner (Restaurant "Zum Domstein")*

## Tuesday, 13.03.2018

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### Session 2: Jewish Resilience

10:00–10:30 *Julia Itin (Halle)*  
Fractured History: Jewish Sources and  
Narratives of Black Death and Black  
Death Persecutions

10:30–11:00 *Christoph Cluse (Trier)*  
Picking up the Pieces: Modelling the  
Fragmentary Evidence for Jewish  
Resilience in the German Kingdom  
during the Second Half of the  
14th Century

11:00–12:00 Discussion on Session 2  
*Chair: Thilo Becker (Trier)*

12:00–13:30 *Lunch Break*

### Session 3: Resilience in the Face of Catastrophes

13:30–14:00 *Tim Soens (Antwerp)*  
Resilient Societies, Vulnerable People:

Coastal Flood Disasters in the North  
Sea Area before 1800

14:00–14:30 *Sabine Blum (Freiburg)*  
Strategic Worst Case-Thinking and the  
Question of Survival in the Nuclear Age

14:30–15:30 Discussion on Session 3  
*Chair: Michael Schlachter (Trier)*

### Lecture and Reception

18:15–19:30 *Mark Edwards (Jönköping)*  
Mapping Resilience: Metatheoretical  
Reflections  
*(University of Trier, Room V302)*

19:30 *Reception*  
*(University of Trier, Mensa Guest Room)*

## Wednesday, 14.03.2018

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### Session 4: Resilience and the Law

10:00–10:30 *Heikki Pihlajamäki (Helsinki)*  
Medieval Nordic Laws:  
Instruments of Resilience?

10:30–11:00 *Thomas Rüfner (Trier)*  
Tipping the Scales of Justice: Roman  
Law as a Resource in Medieval Legal  
Discourse

11:00–12:00 Discussion on Session 4  
*Chair: Maria Lux (Trier)*

12:00–13:30 *Lunch Break*

### Session 5: Resilience and Literary Studies

13:30–14:00 *Beatrice von Lüpke (Tübingen)*  
Fueling or Defusing Conflict?  
The Literary Reception of the  
First Margrave War (1449/50)

14:00–14:30 *Martin Przybilski (Trier)*  
Figures of Jews in Nuremberg  
Shrovetide Plays, Old and New

14:30–15:30 Discussion on Session 5  
*Chair: Sindy Müller (Trier)*

15:30–16:00 *Coffee Break*

### Session 6: Resilience and Economy

16:00–16:30 *Markus A. Denzel (Leipzig)*  
How to Make an Enterprise Resilient:  
Methodological Questions and the  
Evidence from the Past

16:30–17:00 *Peter Rückert (Stuttgart)*  
Disruptive Environmental Change  
and Resilience: The German  
South-West in the Later Middle Ages

17:00–18:00 Discussion on Session 6  
*Chair: Janina Krüger (Trier)*

20:00 *Dinner (Restaurant "Das Weinhaus")*

## Thursday, 15.03.2018

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### Session 7: Resilience in Medieval Italy

9:30–10:00 *Gerrit Jasper Schenk (Darmstadt)*  
More Resilient with Mars or Mary?  
Constructing a Myth and Reclaiming  
Public Space after the Destruction of  
the Old Bridge of Florence 1333–1345

10:00–10:30 *Lukas Clemens (Trier)*  
Resources and Strategies of New  
Rulers: Early Angevin Rule in  
Southern Italy

10:30–11:30 Discussion on Session 7  
*Chair: Eileen Bergmann (Trier)*

11:30–12:00 *Coffee Break*

### Final Discussion

12:00–13:00 *Final Discussion*

### General Discussants of the Conference

*Oliver Ibert (Erkner)*  
*Tim Lukas (Wuppertal)*  
*Thorsten Schilling (Lausanne)*