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Interdisciplinary Conference Battle Descriptions as Literary Texts: a Comparative Approach

Innsbruck, 15th–17th May 2017

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Programme

Monday, 15th May 2017

08:30 – 09:00 Registration
09:00 – 09:15 Welcome address and opening of the conference:
Univ.-Prof. Dr. Sebastian Donat, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities 2
asso. Prof. Dr. Florian Schaffner, Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for
Neo-Latin Studies

Session 1: The Ancient Near East

Chair: Martin Lang (Innsbruck)

09:15 – 10:00 Marcos Such-Gutiérrez (Madrid): The Year-Names as Source for Battle Descriptions
in the 3rd Millennium BC
10:00 – 10:45 Pavel Cech (Prague): Battle Descriptions in Ugarit: Much Ado About Nothing
10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:45 Chikako Watanabe (Osaka) / Jamie Novotny (Munich): Recording an Assyrian Battle:
A Look at the Assyrian-Elamite Conflict at Til-Tuba in Textual and Visual Sources
11:45 – 12:30 Hilmar Klinkott (Kiel): Victor without Victory – to the Lack of Battle Descriptions in
Achaemenid Royal Representation

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Session 1: The Ancient Near East (continued)

14:00 – 14:45 Wolfgang Oswald (Tübingen): Battle Descriptions in the Hebrew Bible: An Overview
with Special Attention to the Book of Joshua

Session 2: The Classical World

Chair: Kerstin Droß-Krüpe (Kassel)

14:45 – 15:30 Oliver Stoll (Passau): „Eine Schlacht wie keine andere“ – alles nur Literatur, oder
was? Agesilaos II., Xenophon und die Schlacht bei Koroneia (14. August 394 v. Chr.)
15:30 – 16:15 Kai Ruffing (Kassel): The Battle of Plataea (479 BC)
16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:15 Christian Mileta (Halle / Innsbruck): The Battle of Thermopylae 2.0 at the Persian
Gates

Keynote Lecture

17:30 – 18:30 Reinhold Bichler (Innsbruck): The Battle of Gaugamela. A Case Study and Some
General Methodological Considerations

Official reception

Tuesday, 16th May 2017

Session 2: The Classical World (continued)

Chair: Kerstin Droß-Krüpe (Kassel)

09:00 – 09:45 Sven Günther (Changchun): *Conversus ad pacem ...* (Flor. 2.34.65) – Battle
Descriptions in Florus Reconsidered
09:45 – 10:30 Simon Lentzsch (Cologne): Battle Descriptions in T. Livius
10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

Session 3: Towards Modernity: the Medieval and Early Modern World

Chair: Florian Schaffner (Innsbruck)

10:45 – 11:30 Johannes Gießauf (Graz): Fighting the Devil's Envoys. Telling the Story of the Mongol
Invasion 1241
11:30 – 12:15 Izabela Wilkosz (Berlin): „Dead or alive“ – The Clash of Cultures and Values During
the Conquest of the Aztec Empire
12:15 – 14:00 Lunch break

Session 3: Towards Modernity: the Medieval and Early Modern World (continued)

14:00 – 14:45 Martin Wagendorfer (Innsbruck): Sallusts Schlachtenberichte (und Reden vor der
Schlacht) im italienischen Humanismus
14:45 – 15:30 Dennis Pulina (Freiburg): Violence as Part of Heroization Techniques in Latin Epic of
the Italian Quattrocento

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

Session 4: A Battle to Remember: Famous Battles in History and Literature

Chair: Sebastian Fink (Kassel)

15:45 – 16:30 Johanna Luggin (Innsbruck / Freiburg): A Battle of Nations: a Poetic Description of
the Battle of Austerlitz (1805)
16:30 – 17:15 Sonja Koroliov (Innsbruck): Elusive Action in Tolstoy's Descriptions of Battle in *War
and Peace*

Wednesday, 17th May 2017

Session 4: A Battle to Remember: Famous Battles in History and Literature (continued)

Chair: Johanna Luggin (Innsbruck/Freiburg)

09:00 – 09:45 Friedrich Pöhl (Innsbruck): The Battle of the Little Bighorn and the Myth of a Heroic
Struggle of Thermopylaean Proportions
09:45 – 10:30 Florian Schaffner (Innsbruck): The Siege of Vienna in Cossonius' Epic Poem
Paeonnasteis

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:30 Magdalena Gronau (Erfurt): Descriptions of Ancient Battles in German 19th and
20th Century Classical Studies
11:30 – 12:15 Martin Bauer (Innsbruck): Parodistic Battle Descriptions: *The Batrachomyomachia*
12:15 – 12:45 Closing of the conference