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cordially invites you to a talk by

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Latin Verse Matters!

Propaganda Poetry from the Great Northern War (1700–1721)

Dienstag, 20.10.2015, 18.00 Uhr
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Atrium, Seminarraum 5

In 1700, Sweden was suddenly attacked by Saxony-Poland, Denmark and Russia. This fatal struggle for supremacy in the Baltic region, known today as the Great Northern War, lasted for twenty-one years. The end of the war also marked the end of Sweden's imperial experience. Both the victorious moments and the shifting *fortuna* of this conflict are diligently treated in contemporary literature. A great percentage of this literary output is in Latin, particularly with respect to poetry. In my talk, I will discuss the socio-political and socio-cultural environment that generated these Latin poems. I will look at these verses as mirrors of the contemporary political and ideological debates. Further, I will demonstrate how some of the poets used Latin poetry to construct different kinds of identities. In addition, I will explore the question of whether these poems reached their aimed readership.