

**“Battle Descriptions as Literary Texts: a Comparative Approach”  
Interdisciplinary Conference, Innsbruck, 15<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Conference Venue: Claudiana, Herzog-Friedrich-Str. 3, Claudiasaal (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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  
assoz. Prof. Dr. Florian Schaffenrath, Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute  
for Neo-Latin Studies

*Session 1: The Ancient Near East*

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*

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*

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*Session 2: The Classical World (continued)*

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*

- 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*

- 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 Koroliow (Innsbruck): Elusive Action in Tolstoy's Descriptions of Battle in *War and Peace*

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

- 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 Schaffenrath (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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Classical Studies
- 11:30 – 12:15 Martin Bauer (Innsbruck): Parodistic Battle Descriptions: The *Batrachomyomachia*
- 12:15 – 12:45 Closing of the conference

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