



WORK CULTURE AND POOR RELIEF IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE

April 21 2021, 15.00-18.00 (CET)

This seminar explores different aspects of early modern cultures of work and poverty, focusing on the 18th century. The themes of the speakers will move from the financial investments by charitable institutions in Augsburg to the strategies of escaped convicts and poor relief authorities in Denmark. The seminar will touch upon issues such as the role of religious views, financial investments in education and labor, poor people's survival strategies and the state's efforts to educate beggars to live working lives. By looking at the activities of people from different social strata, this seminar encourages broader reflections on the understanding of and connections between work, discipline, poverty and charity.

15.00 - 15.15: Welcome

15.15 - 16.15: Thomas Max Safley, Professor of history, University of Pennsylvania, USA: Charitable foundations and the changing nature of work and relief

16.15 - 16.30: Break

16.30 - 17.00: Johan Heinsen, Associate Professor of history, Aalborg University, Denmark: Laborious Autonomy: Begging as a means to escape the early modern state

17.00 - 17.30: Maria Nørby Pedersen, Ph.D. student, Aarhus University, Denmark: Caught by the early modern state. Beggars in the Tugt and workhouse

17.30 - 18.00: Joint discussion. Chaired by Jeppe Büchert Netterstrøm, Associate Professor of history, Aarhus University, Denmark

The seminar is organized by the Research Program in History, Aarhus University, and will take place on Zoom. Please register: manp@cas.au.dk.