Pass on. Generational transfers of wealth from the 16th to the 20th century

Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
26–28 October 2023

Conveners: Siglinde Clementi (Kompetenzzentrum für Regionalgeschichte, Free University of Bolzano)
Margareth Lanzinger (Institut für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte, University of Vienna)
Florian Andretsch and Claudia Rapberger (FWF Project “Noble Siblings”, Institut für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte, University of Vienna)

Thursday, 26 October 2023
13.30 Reception and registration
14.00 Welcome and introduction
14.30 – 18.45 Session 1: Gendered Perspectives on Urban Elites

Chair: Margareth Lanzinger

14.30 – 15.15 Anna Bellavitis (Rouen), Gender and transmission at the intersection of anthropology, legal history, social history

15.15 – 16.00 Isabelle Chabot (Padova), “À rivoluto la sua dota e datone gran parte per Dio”: devoluzioni extra-familiari e agency femminile nella Firenze dei secoli XIV-XV

16.00 – 16.45 Heinrich Lang (Leipzig), ‘figlia unica e herede universale’: the transfer of family property in the case of the Florentine patrician Costanza Serristori (16th century)

16.45 – 17.15 Coffee Break

17.15 – 18.00 Adina Eckart (Leipzig), Renaissance Noblewomen and Creating Legacy: How Lucrezia de’Medici Salviati passed on Wealth through her Family Ties

18.00 – 18.45 Federica Masè (Paris), Between law and individual choices: practices and strategies for the transmission of earthly goods in the wills of men and women in Renaissance Venice

19.30 Dinner

Friday, 27 October 2023
9.00 – 11.15 Session 2: Nobel Heirs and Heiresses
Chair: Siglinde Clementi

9.00 – 9.45  Sven Dittmar (Mainz), More Sons than Property? Strategies of wealth transfer by Imperial Knight

9.45 – 10.30  Florian Andretsch (Wien), The Oldest Brother Divides, the Youngest Gets to Choose. Practising Noble Customs of Partible Inheritance in Upper Austria, ca. 1600

10.30 – 11.15  Claudia Rapberger (Wien), A Change of Perspective: Transfers of Assets and Property from the Perspective of a Supposedly Uninvolved

11.15 – 11.45  Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.15: Session 3: Succession in Discourses and as Strategies

11.45 – 12.30  Stefania Ferrando (Nice), Women’s voices on inheritance and filiation. Olympe de Gouges and the contestation of inheritance practices during the French Revolution

12.30 – 13.15  Marina Garbellotti (Verona), To eternalize the family name. Succession Strategies in the Italian Peninsula of the Modern Age

13.15 – 14.30  Lunch

14.30 – 16.00: Session 4: Inheritance in Colonial Contexts

Chair: Matthias Donabaum

14.30 – 15.15  Marion Röwekamp (Mexico City), From Patrilineality to the Marital Family. The Change in Married Women’s Inheritance Law in Latin America in the 19th Century

15.15 – 16.00  Julia Bühner (Münster), The Legacy of the Conquerors – Memories and claims of the descendants of Castilian and Canarian Conquistadors in the 16th century

16.00 – 16.30  Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.45 Session 5: Modes of Transfer in Rural Contexts

16.30 – 17.15  Susann Anett Pedersen (Trondheim), Mortgage credit and generational transfer of landed property in sixteenth century Norway

17.15 – 18.00  Janine Maegraith (Wien/Cambridge), Als weichend Geschwistrigten. Financial assets and material endowments for ceding heirs in early modern Tyrol

18.00 – 18.45  Siglinde Clementi / Margareth Lanzinger (Bozen/Wien), Women and Succession – Women as Heiresses

19.30  Dinner

Saturday, 28 October 2022

9.00 – 12.30 Session 6: Family Logics of Securing Wealth and Well-Being
Chair: Claudia Rapberger

9.00 – 9.45 Laura Casella/Serena Galasso (Udine/Glasgow), Bequeathing papers to pass on goods and knowledge. Tuscany and Friuli compared from a gender perspective

9.45 – 10.30 Amelie Stuart / Lydia von der Weth (Jena/Erfurt), Faded Gold: Inheritances within families in Erfurt between 1700-1750

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

Chair: Florian Andretsch

11.00 – 11.45 Ellinor Forster (Innsbruck), „To have and to hold“: The Tyrolean Preu family (1750–1830) and the generational management and preservation of wealth

11.45 – 12.30 Evdoxios Doxiadis (Vancouver), Donations in late Ottoman Greece

12.30 – 12.50 Final Comment

12.50 – 13.15 Final Discussion

Conference Language: English