



Since the High Middle Ages, the trend toward an association of various social groups became more evident throughout Europe. Political, social and economic instability prompted people to associate in fraternities, with devotional purposes and/or to protect the interests of the individual brethren. Lay associations (esp. guilds) were created to foster the economic and political influence of their members. Some of them became so strong to be considered, in some cities, the founding engine of municipal authority. All these associations also played an important role in protecting burial rights and in the organization of and participation in funeral rituals of their deceased members. The payments linked to these activities, as testamentary legacies and inter vivos donations, created the substantial wealth and property held by the confraternities. Accordingly, fraternities were among the most prominent patrons of the arts and contributed to changes in the urban structure of medieval cities. The conference asks what form these funerary practices took and what impact they had on everyday social and political life in the late medieval city. Although the history of fraternities has seen a rise in recent decades, a comparative perspective is still missing and might help to understand what relationship existed between the medieval fraternities, urban society, and their role in local funerary practices.

16. - 17. November 2023

Tod und Glaube: Bestattungspraktiken im Umfeld von Bruderschaften im mittelalterlichen Reich und in Italien

**Morte e Fede: Pratiche funerarie nell'ambito delle
Confraternite medievali tra Germania e Italia**

**Death and Belief: Funerary Practices of Medieval
Fraternities in the Holy Roman Empire and in Italy**

Location

**Ehemaliger Senatssaal in the Neuen
Universität**

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16th NOVEMBER 2023

(Hörsaal of Historischen Seminars)

18:00 - 19:00

Evening Lecture

Sabine von Heusinger (Köln)

*All Brothers and Sisters, Dead or Alive' – Guild
Fraternities in the Regnum Teutonicum*

17th NOVEMBER 2023

(Ehemaliger Senatssaal in the Neuen Universität)

Morning

Chair: Wolf Zöllner (Heidelberg)

9.30-10.00

**Federica Cosenza and Lorenzo Curatella
(Heidelberg)**

Introduction

10.00-10.30

Tino Licht (Heidelberg)

*Totenrotuli. Artefakte zwischen Memoria und
Verbrüderung*

10.30-11.00

Marina Gazzini (Milan)

*Inter pietatis opera. Finanziamenti pubblici e privati
alle attività funerarie delle confraternite nella Milano
tardomedievale*

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-12.00

Nina Gallion (Mainz)

*Hic est liber vite. Das Bruderschaftsbuch des Mainzer
Stifts St. Stephan*

12.00-12.30

Discussion

Afternoon

Chair: Rebecca Müller (Heidelberg)

14.00-14.30

Eberhard Nikitsch (Mainz)

*Grabdenkmal, Grabinschrift und Testament in
der Anima-Bruderschaft*

14.30-15:00

Francesco Bianchi (Verona)

*Death and Devotion: Funeral Rituals of Lay Confraternities
in Late Medieval Italy*

15.00-15.30

Isabella Gagliardi (Florence)

*Libri e cataletti per ben morire: gli spazi urbani e le
confraternite nell' area centro italiana*

15.30-16:00 Coffee Break

16.00-16.30

Anna Esposito (Rome)

*Liturgia, pratiche funerarie, memoria. Il ruolo delle
confraternite nella società romana del tardo medioevo*

16.30-17.00

Ivana Ait (Rome)

*Una scelta di immagine: le corporazioni e la morte a Roma
(XIV-XV secolo)*

17.00-17.30

Romedio Schmitz-Esser (Heidelberg)

Final Discussion and Conclusion